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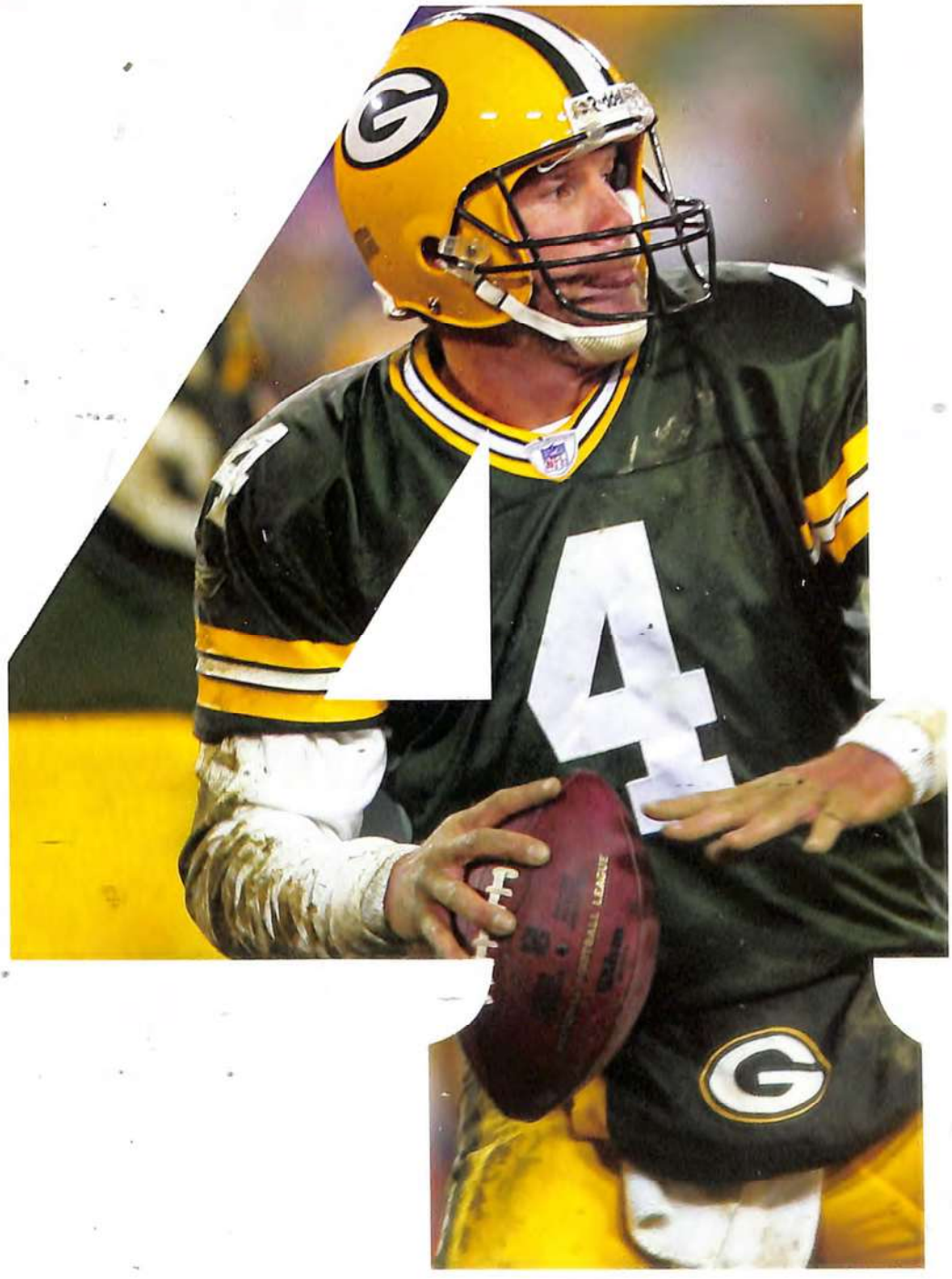

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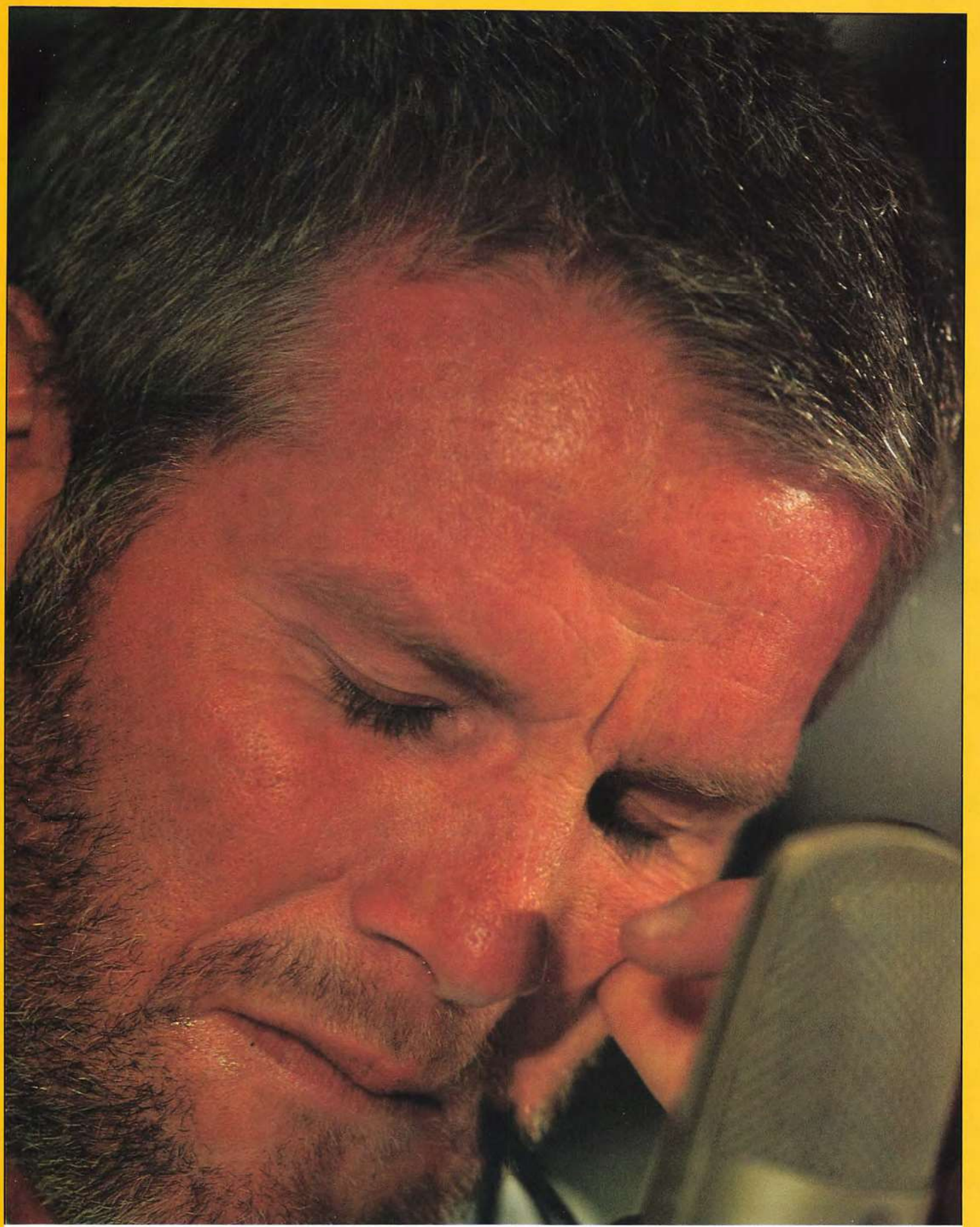

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BRETT FAVRE

THE GREATEST QUARTERBACK IN NFL HISTORY

This commemorative magazine is devoted exclusively to presenting, through pictures and statistics, a tribute to the incredible, unforgettable, and unprecedented football career of Brett Favre, arguably the best quarterback who ever played in the NFL. Within these pages are classic pictures depicting Brett's entire career: from his early college years at the University of Mississippi through his final, record-setting NFL season with his beloved Green Bay Packers. Brett played 17 seasons in the NFL and started every game for the Packers since his first start in 1992 through his retirement in 2008. He is the only three-time AP MVP (1995-97) in NFL history and has led the Packers to two Super Bowl appearances and one Super Bowl victory. His records include: most career NFL touchdown passes (442), most career NFL passing yards (61,655), most career pass completions (5,377), most career pass attempts (8,758), most consecutive starts among NFL quarterbacks (253 – 275 total starts including playoffs), and most career victories as a starting quarterback (160). This magazine is the definitive Brett Favre collection, and we hope you will cherish and pass it along for generations to come.

Brett Lorenzo Favre was born the second of four children on October 10, 1969 in Gulfport, Mississippi, and was raised in the small town of Kiln, Mississippi. He is of French and Choctaw ancestry. Brett attended Hancock North Central High School, where he played baseball and football. He started on the baseball team as an eighth-grader and earned five varsity letters. He played quarterback, lineman, strong safety, placekicker and punter on the football team coached by his father, Irvin Favre. In later years, Irvin Favre said that he knew that his son had a great arm but that he also knew that the school was blessed with good running backs. As a result, in the three years Brett was on the team, his father ran a run-oriented, wishbone offense. Brett rarely threw more than five passes in a game.

After high school, Brett was offered a scholarship (the only offer he received) from the University of Southern Mississippi. Southern Miss wanted him to play defensive back but Brett wanted to play quarterback instead. He began his freshman year as the seventh-string quarterback and took over the starting position in the second half of the third game against Tulane on September 19, 1987. Despite having been ill the night before ,and vomiting during warm-ups, Brett led the team to a come-from-behind victory with two touchdown passes that day. Brett repeated that feat in his junior season, when, on September 2, 1989, he led the team to an upset of the then sixth-ranked college team in the nation, Florida State. In a foreshadowing of things to come, Brett capped a six-and-a-half-minute drive with the game-winning touchdown pass with 23 seconds remaining.

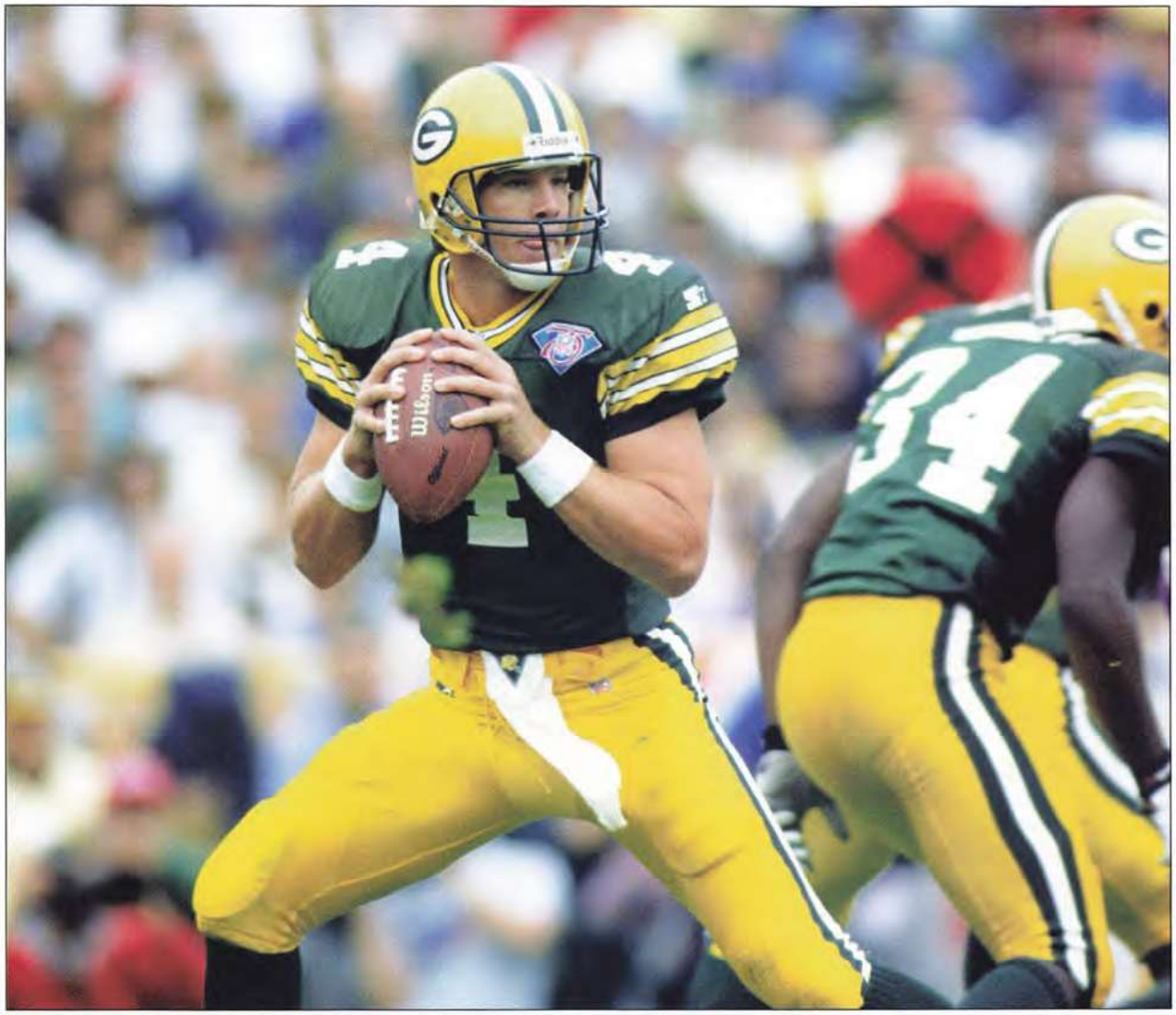
Before the start of Brett's senior year of college, however, he was involved in a near-fatal car accident on July 14, 1990. He lost con-

trol of his car less than a mile from his parents' house. The car flipped three times and then hit a tree. One of his brothers smashed the car's window with a golf club so that Brett could get to a hospital. In the ambulance, all Brett kept asking his mother was "Will I be able to play football again?" Ultimately, the doctors had to remove 30 inches of Brett's small intestine. Despite that, and in what would prove to be a precursor to Brett's "iron-man" NFL career, he led Southern Miss to a comeback victory over powerhouse Alabama only six weeks after the accident. Famed Alabama coach Gene Stallings said it best: "You can call it a miracle or a legend or whatever you want to. I just know that on that day, Brett Favre was larger than life."

After earning a teaching degree from the University of Southern Mississippi with an emphasis in special education, Favre was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in the second round, 33rd overall, of the 1991 NFL Draft. Atlanta coach Jerry Glanville was not fond of Favre as a player and vowed that it would take a plane crash for him to put Favre into a game. When he ultimately did allow Brett to play in a regular season game, Brett's first pass was intercepted and returned for a touchdown. He only attempted four passes in his career at Atlanta, completing none of them.

Notwithstanding that, Green Bay Packers then-general manager, Ron Wolf, traded a first-round pick (RB Tony Smith) for Favre during the following offseason. Wolf, while an assistant to the general manager of the New York Jets, had intended to take Favre in the 1991 NFL draft, but Favre was taken by the Falcons on the previous pick. During the physical after the trade, Brett was reputed to have been diagnosed with avascular necrosis, the same degenerative hip condition that terminated Bo Jackson's career, and doctors recommended that the trade be cancelled. Wolf overruled them.

In the second game of the 1992 season, the Packers were being shut out 17-0 at the half by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Packers head coach Mike Holmgren decided to bench starting quarterback Don Majkowski. Favre played the entire second half, but it was not auspicious. On his first regular season play as a Packer, Brett threw and caught his own pass (which was deflected back to him), and was tackled for a seven-yard loss. The Packers lost the game 31-3, gaining only 106 yards passing. In the next game, Majkowski started again, but injured a ligament in his ankle against the Cincinnati Bengals. The doctors said that the injury would sideline him for four weeks. Favre replaced Majkowski for the remainder of that game and fumbled four times. The crowd chanted for Favre to be removed. However, down 23-17 with 1:07 left in the game, the Packers started an offensive series on their own 8 yard line. Brett completed a 42-yard pass to Sterling Sharpe, and, on



the next play, threw the game-winning touchdown pass to Kitrick Taylor with 13 seconds remaining. When Brett started the next week's game against the Pittsburgh Steelers, it began the longest consecutive starts streak for a quarterback in NFL history. The game ended in a 17-3 victory and Brett's passer rating was 144.6. During the season, Brett led the Packers to a six-game winning streak, the longest winning streak for the club since 1965. Brett finished his first season as a Packer with 3,227 yards passing and a quarterback rating of 85.3, catapulting him to the first Pro Bowl appearance of his career.

The following season, Brett led the Packers to their first playoff berth since 1982 and he was named to his second consecutive Pro Bowl. After the season, Brett signed a five-year, $19 million contract with the Packers. The Packers finished the 1994 season 9-7, and went to the playoffs in back-to-back years for the first time since the Vince Lombardi era. In 1995, Brett won the first of his three AP MVP awards, leading the Packers to an 11-5 record, their best in nearly thirty years. Brett passed for a career high of 4,413 yards, 38 touchdowns, and recorded a quarterback rating of 99.5, the highest of his career. After upsetting the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC Divisional Game, the Packers went to the NFC Championship Game, the farthest they had advanced since 1967 (the season they won Super Bowl II). That season, however, was not all good times for Brett. While being treated for various injuries, he developed an addiction to vicodin, and suffered a seizure during a hospital visit. Brett publicly admitted his condition and, in May of 1996, he went into treatment and remained in rehabilitation for 46 days.

Brett was able to overcome that setback with flying colors. He led the Packers to their best season in 30-years in the following 1996 season, winning his second consecutive MVP award. The Packers led the NFL in points scored that year and tied the Denver Broncos for the NFL's best regular season record at 13-3. The Packers then defeated the San Francisco 49ers and the Carolina Panthers at Lambeau Field in the playoffs, and went to Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome, not far from Brett's hometown. In the Super Bowl, Brett completed 14 of 27 passes for 246 yards and 2 touchdowns. On the second play of the game, he threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to Andre Rison. He also completed an 81-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman in the second quarter (the then-

longest touchdown pass in Super Bowl history). Brett also rushed for 12 yards and another touchdown, and the Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 to become the NFL champions. In their 19 games of that season, the Packers had a remarkable turnover ratio of plus 24, and outscored their opponents 100-48 in the playoffs.

Favre and the Packers continued their dominance of the NFC during the next season. Brett was named AP co-MVP of the league together with Detroit Lions' running back Barry Sanders, the third straight year that Brett was so honored, and Green Bay again advanced to the Super Bowl. Although Brett completed 25 of 42 passes for 256 yards and 3 touchdowns in the Super Bowl, the Packers were defeated by the John Elway-led Denver Broncos. On March 1, 2001, Favre signed a 10-year contract extension with the Packers, the first in team history, which also made him the first $100 million player in NFL history. Over the next few seasons, the Packers continued posting a positive record, although they were unable to return to the Super Bowl. Through the 2004 season, the Packers had the longest streak of non-losing seasons (13) in the NFL.

For the 2005 Green Bay Packers season, despite throwing for over 3,000 yards for a record 14th consecutive time, Favre had a below average season with only 20 touchdown passes and a league-leading 29 interceptions. During the 2006 season, Brett became just the second quarterback in NFL history to record 400 touchdown passes (Dan Marino being the first). He also became the first player ever to complete 5,000 passes in his career. On December 31, 2006 the Packers played their last game of the season, winning 26-7 against the Chicago Bears. It was Brett's 22nd career win versus the Bears, moving him to an all-time record of 22-8. The prevalent speculation was that it would be Brett's last game in the NFL. On February 26, 2007, however, Brett underwent minor arthroscopic ankle surgery to remove a buildup of bone spurs in his left ankle. He made a full recovery, attended team workouts in May of 2007, and played the entire season. On September 16, 2007 the Packers defeated the New York Giants to give Favre a record setting 149th win, passing John Elway. On September 30th, Brett threw his 421st NFL touchdown pass, a 16-yard touchdown pass to Greg Jennings in a game against the Vikings, and set a new all time record, surpassing Dan Marino's 420. On November 4, 2007, after the Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 33-22, Brett became only the 3rd quarterback in NFL history to have defeated all thirty-one other current NFL teams. On Thanksgiving Day of 2007, Brett threw three touchdown passes for the 63rd time in his career in a Packers 37-26 win over the Lions. He surpassed Dan Marino's former record of 62.

While there have been many, many shining moments in Brett's incredible career, probably the most unforgettable one occurred on December 22, 2003, in a Monday Night Football game against the Oakland Raiders. The day before, Brett's father had a sudden heart attack and died while driving his car. His ran into a ditch close to where Brett had nearly died in a car accident years earlier. Brett elected to play the day after his father's death, and passed for four touchdowns in the first half and 399 total yards in a 41-7 victory over the Raiders. Afterwards, Brett said, "I knew that my dad would have wanted me to play. I love him so much and I love this game. It's meant a great deal to me, to my dad, to my family, and I didn't expect this kind of performance. But I know he was watching tonight."

All in all, it has been an amazing ride for Brett Favre and his fans. He has given us countless thrills, and we have seen his talent, character, endurance and leadership shine, over and over again, throughout his un-4-gettable 17-year career. All that is left to say is: Thanks for the memories, Brett!!!

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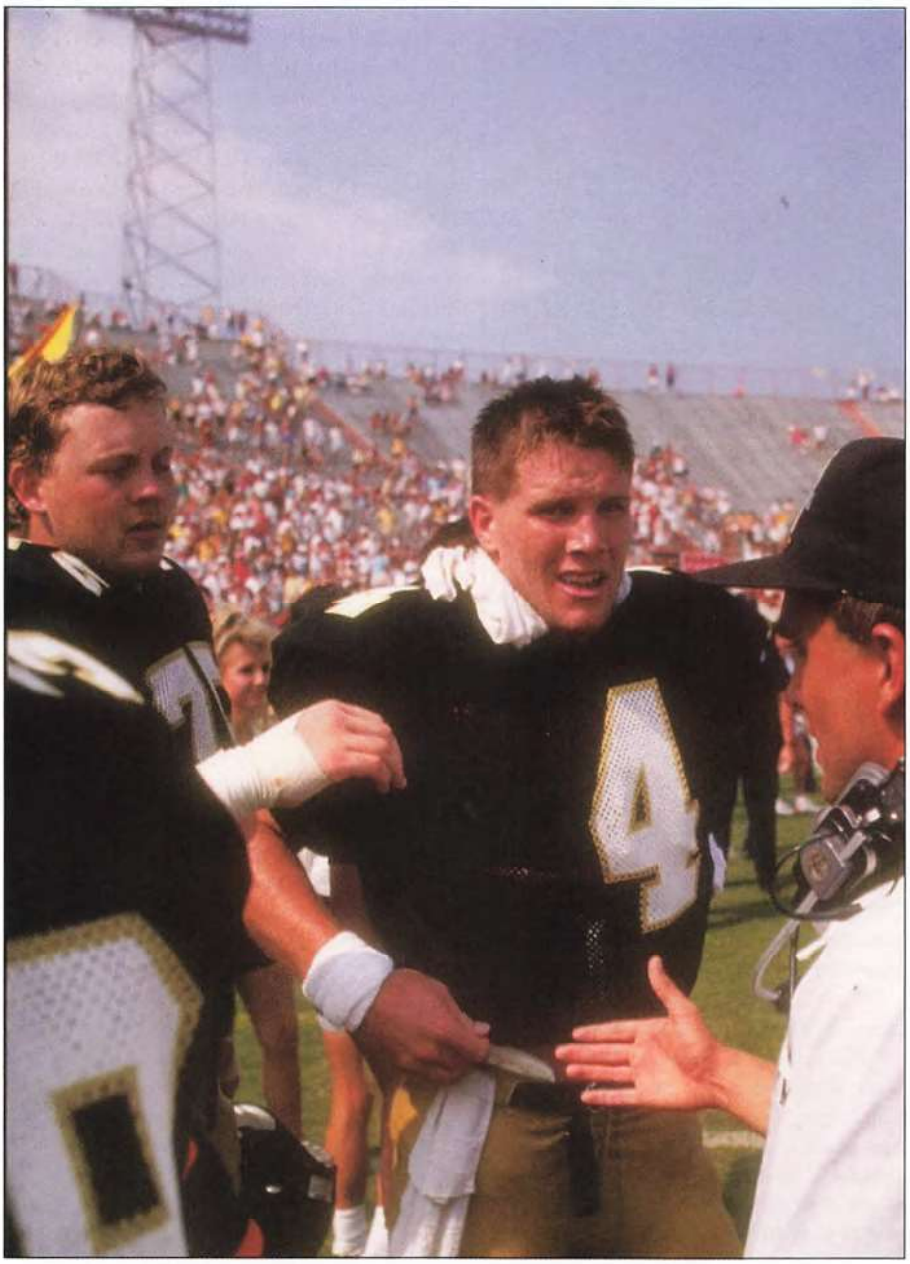
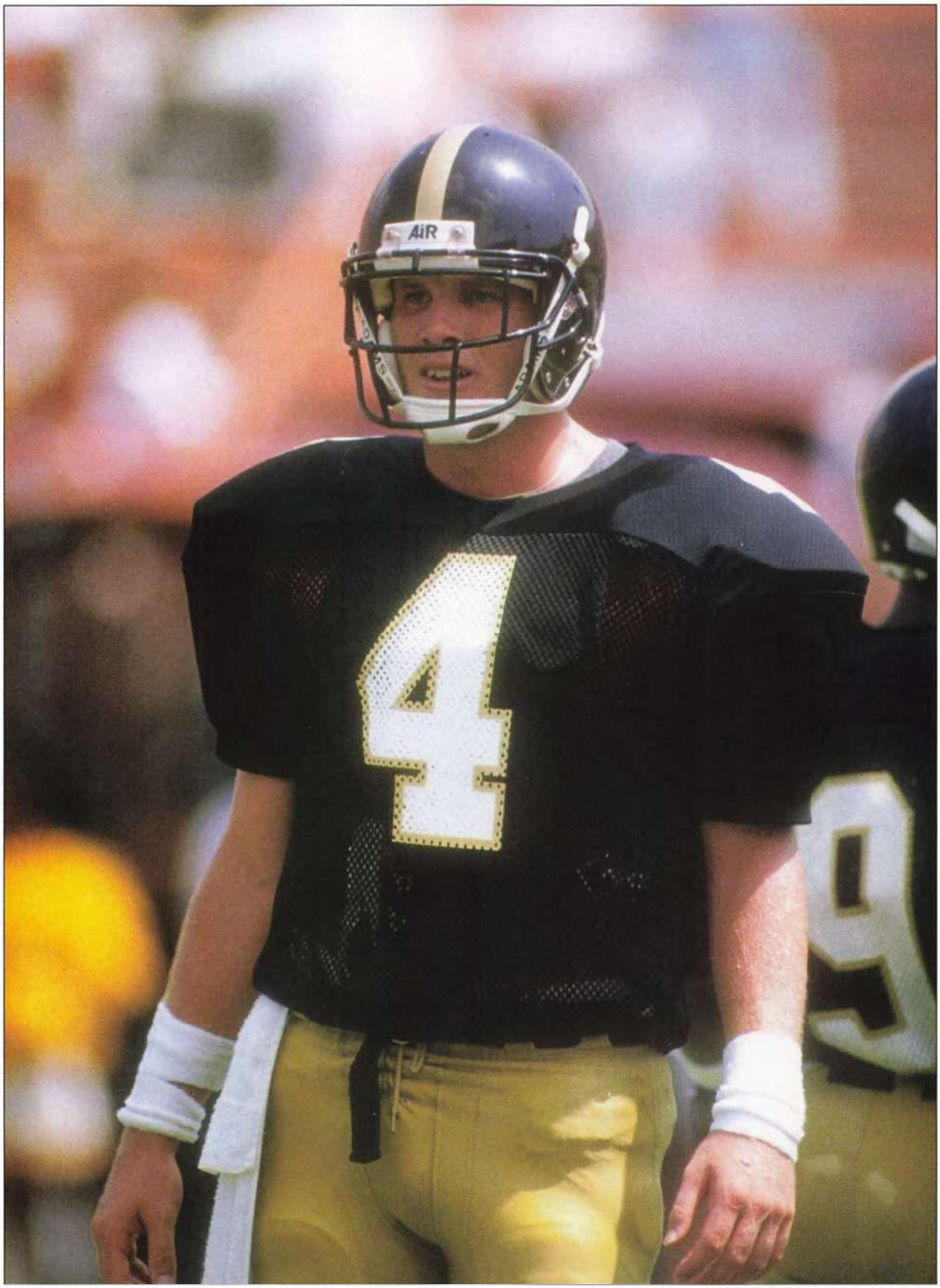
1987-1990

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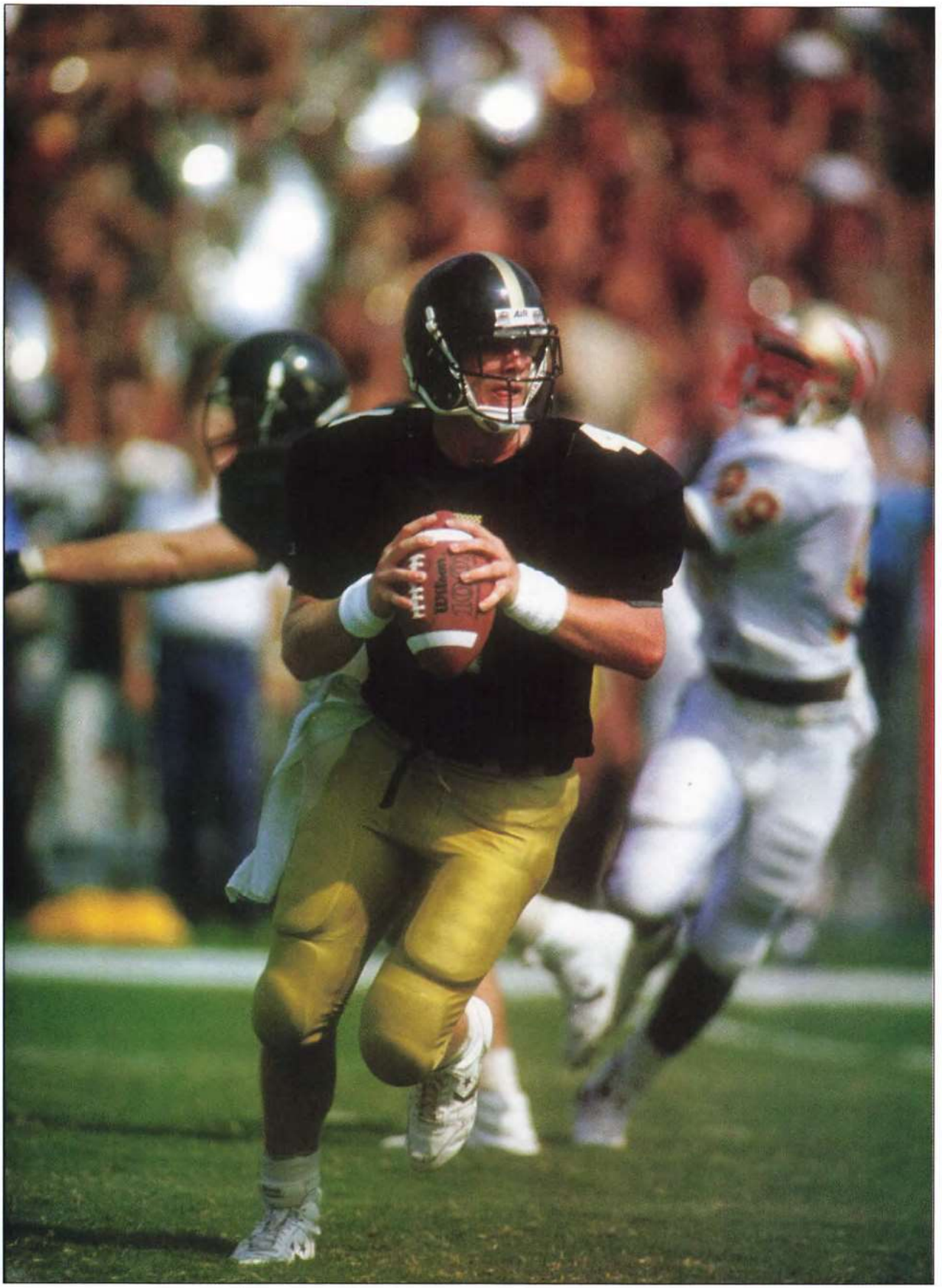

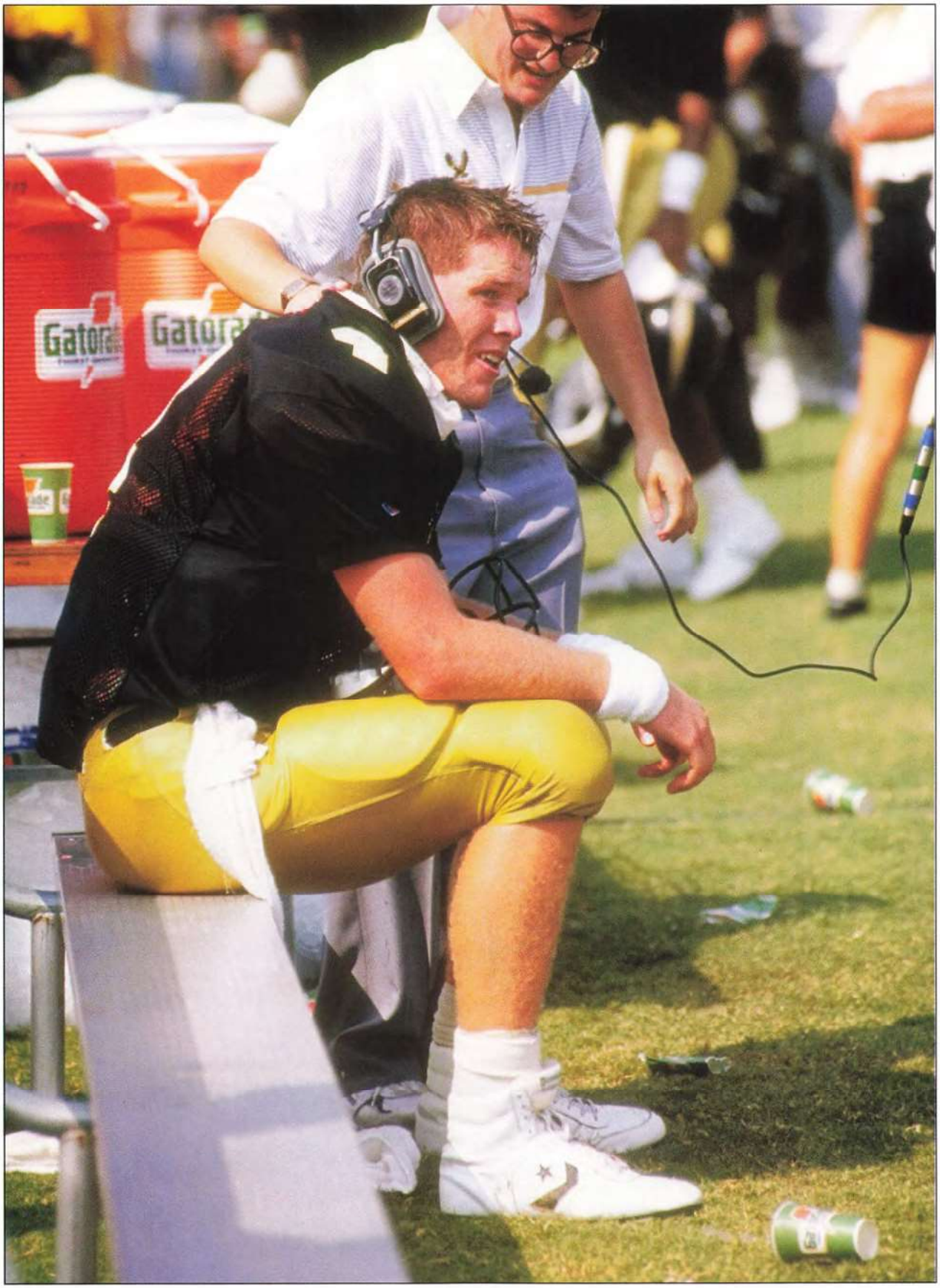
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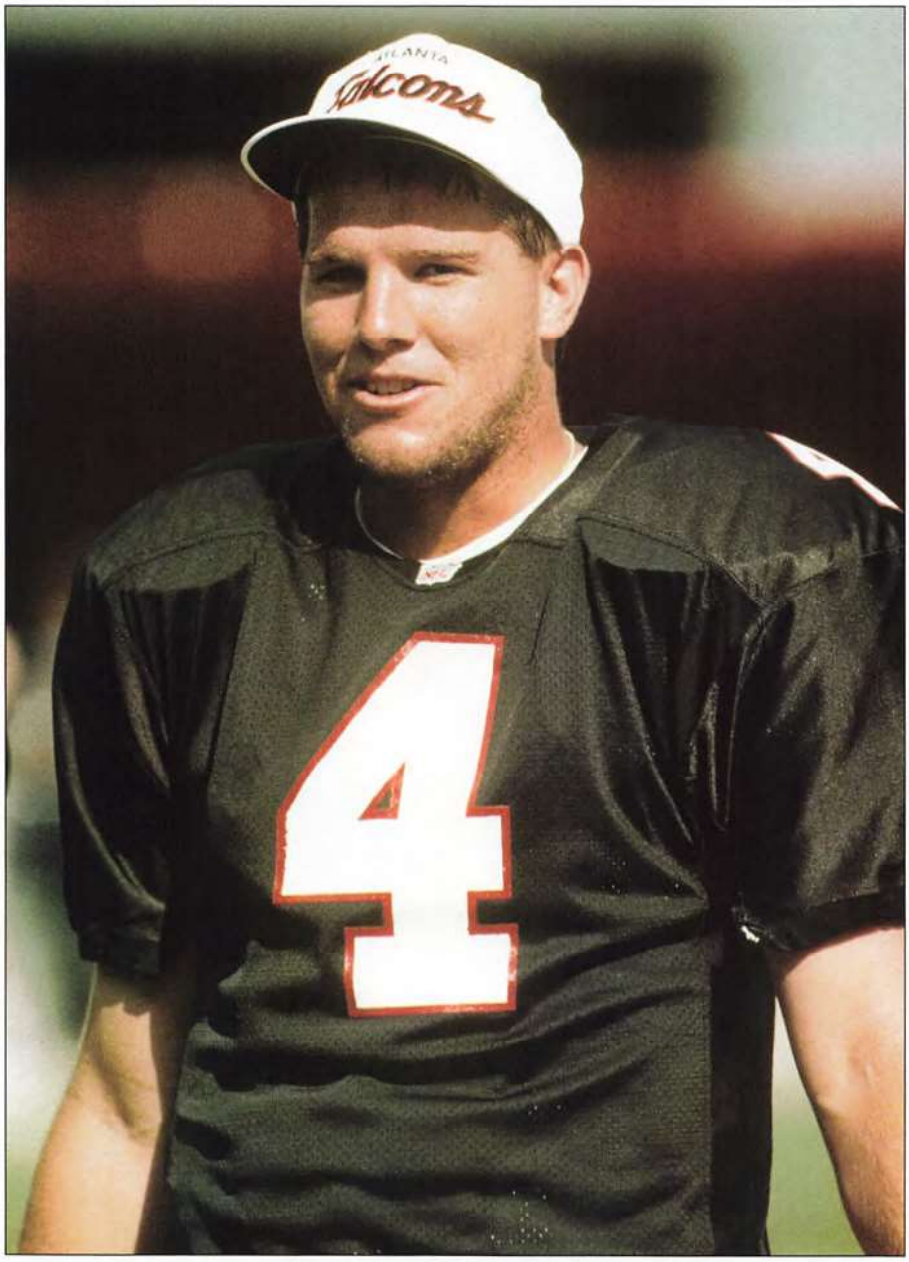

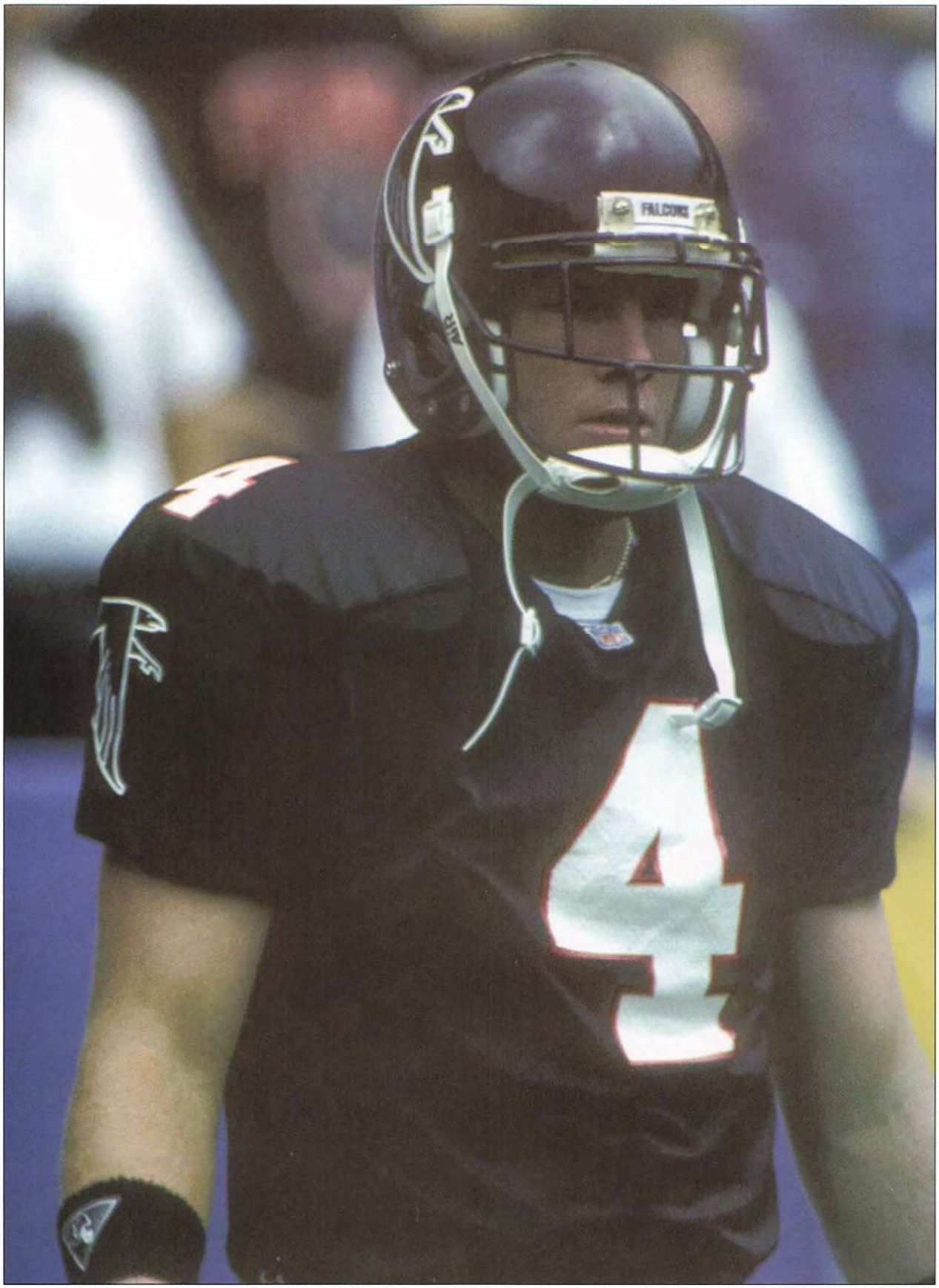
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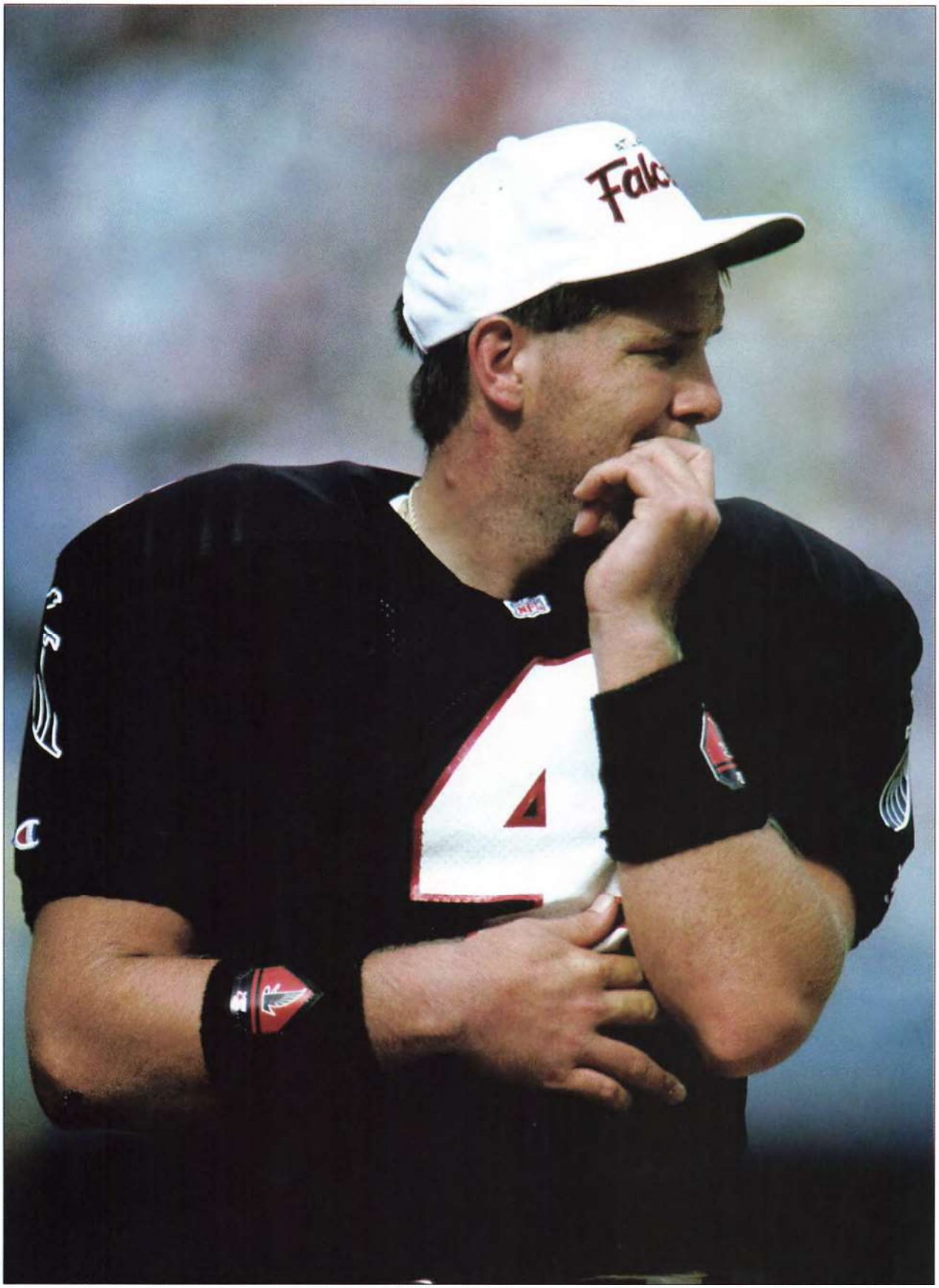

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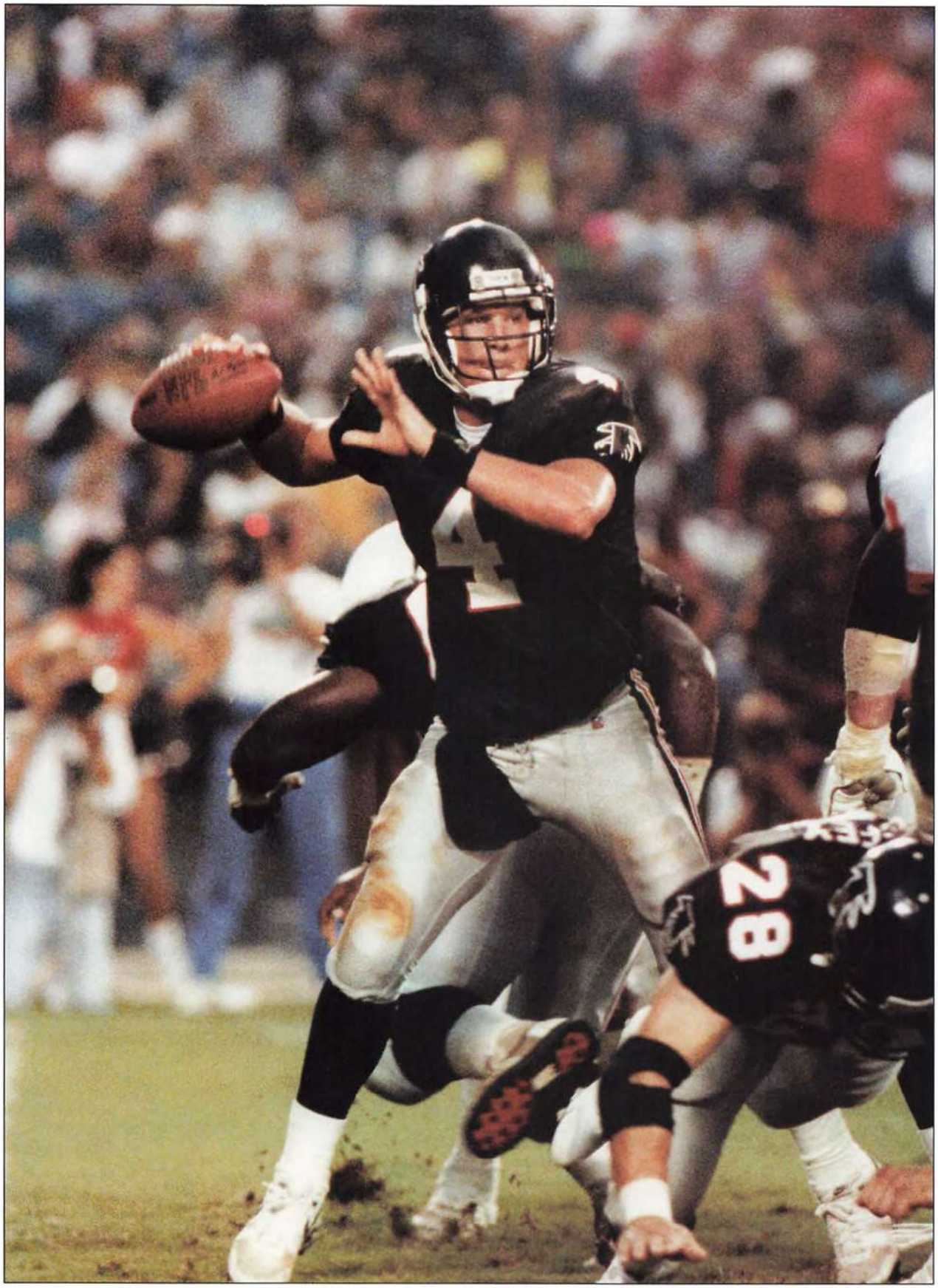
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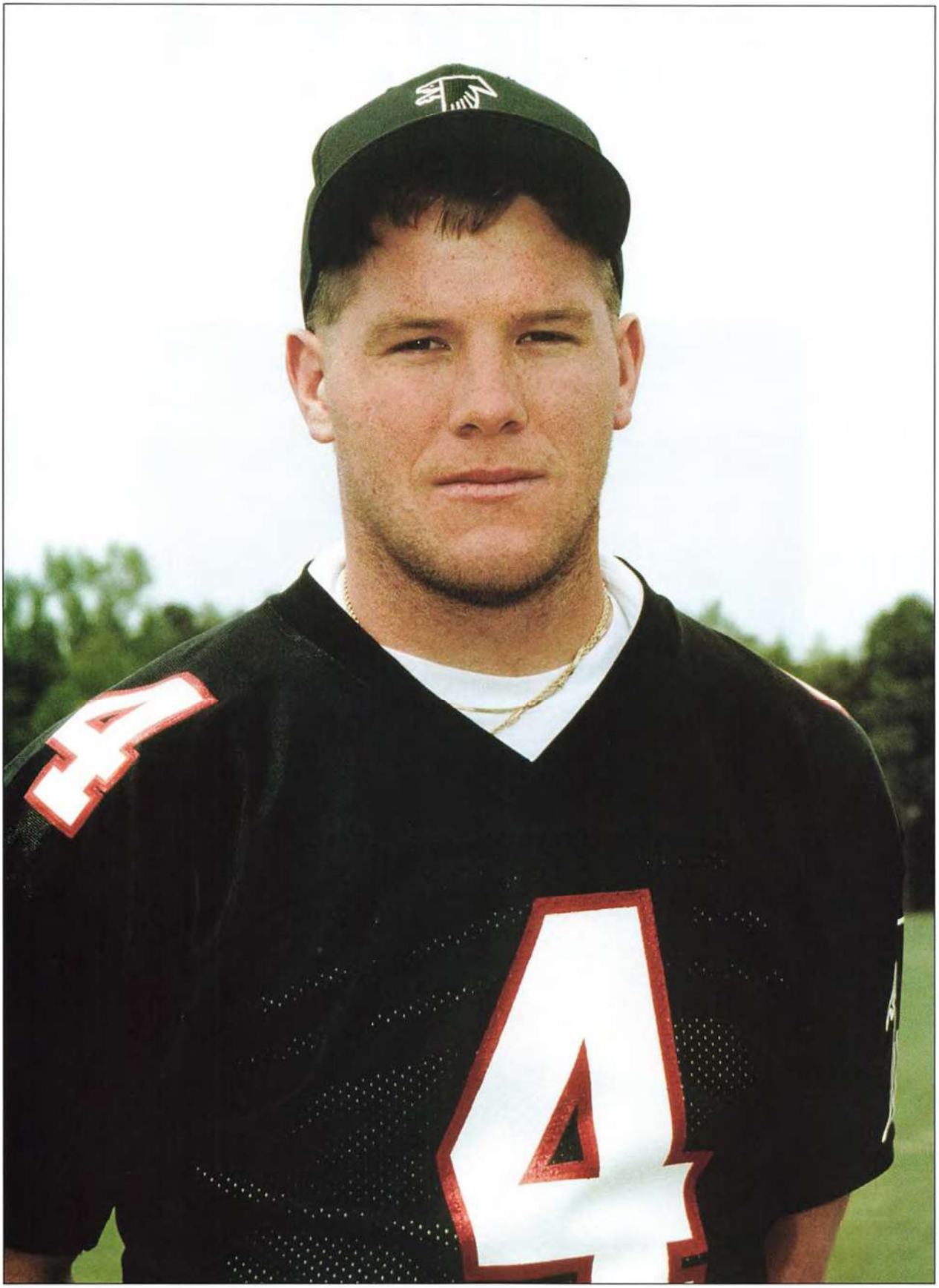

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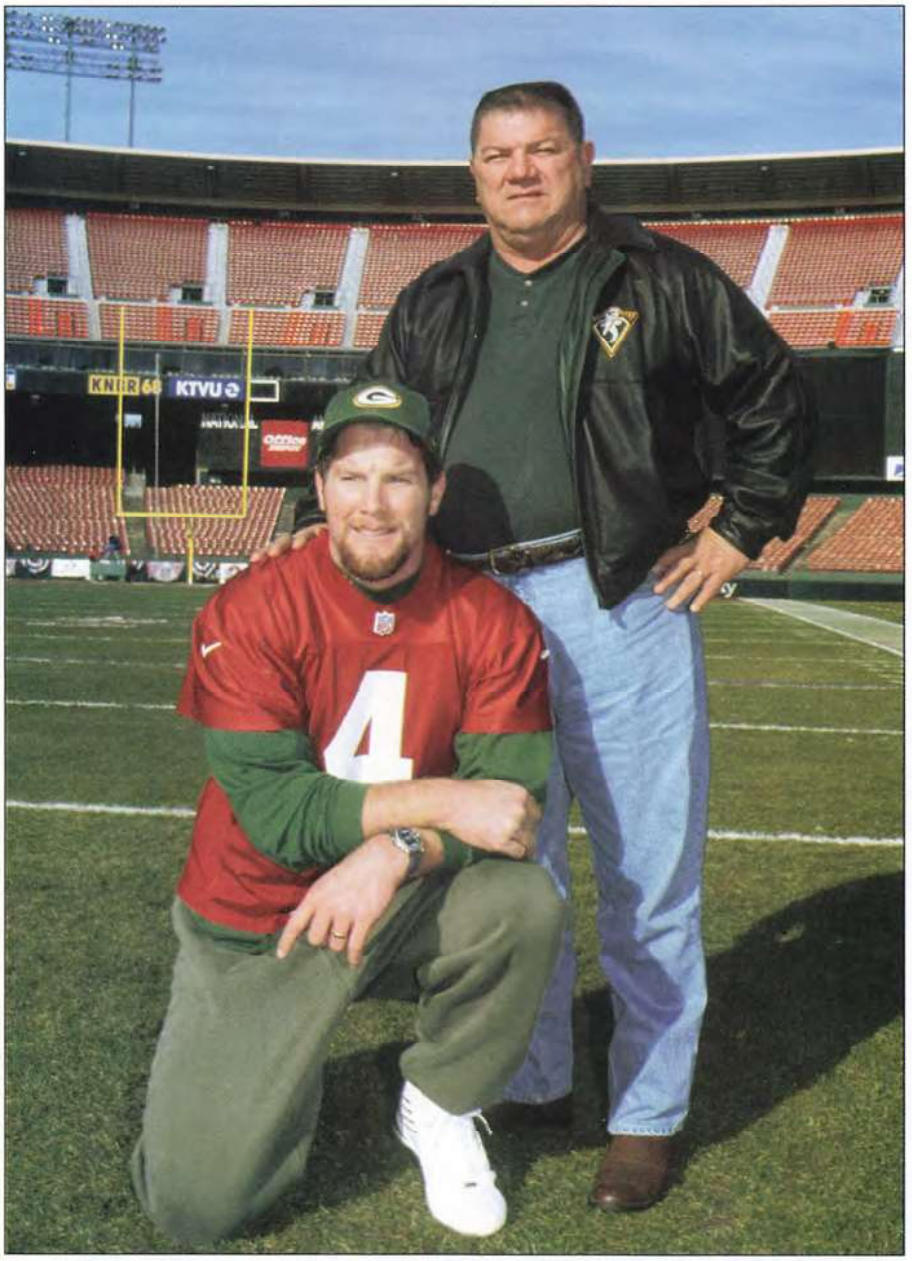

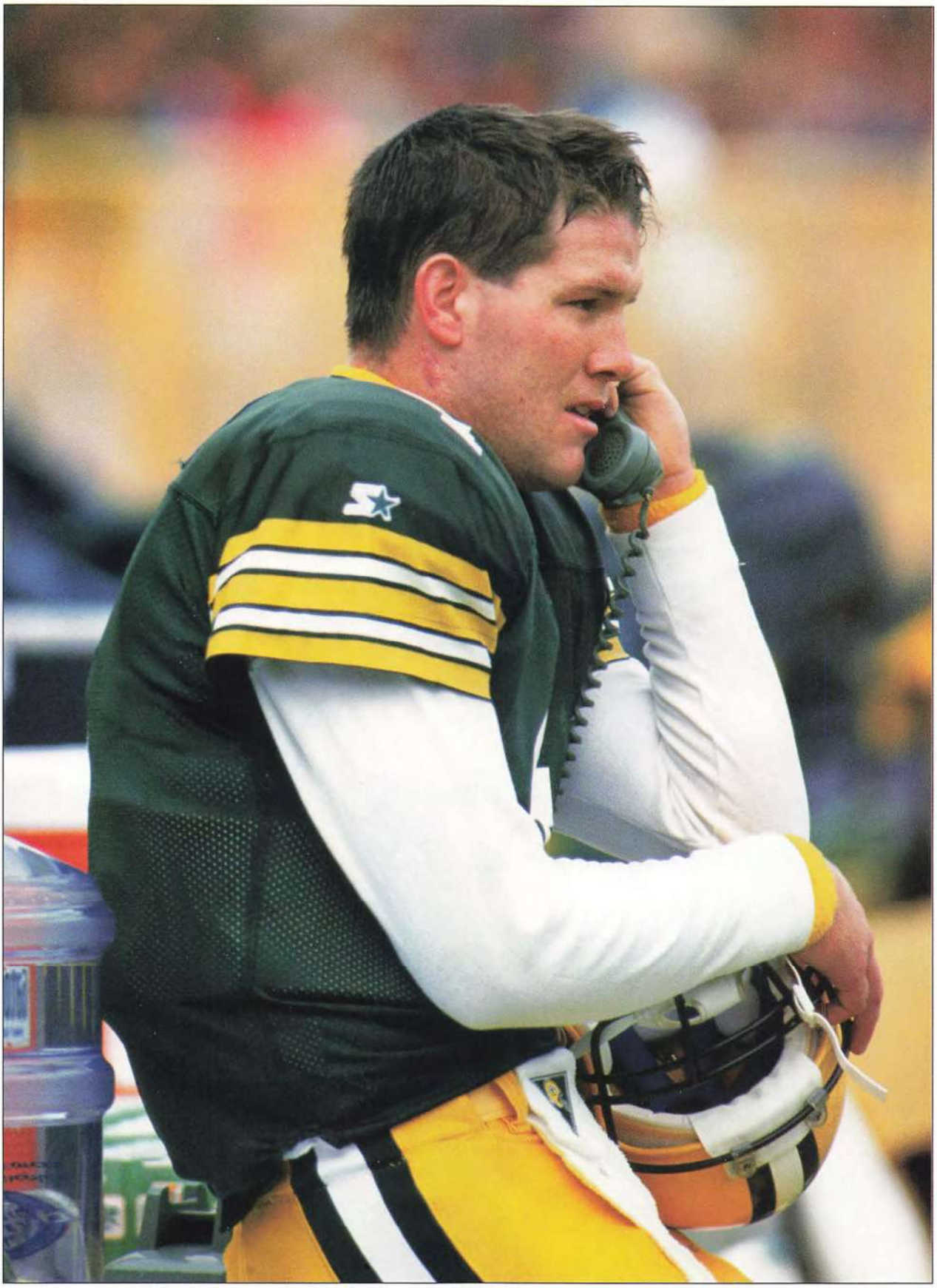

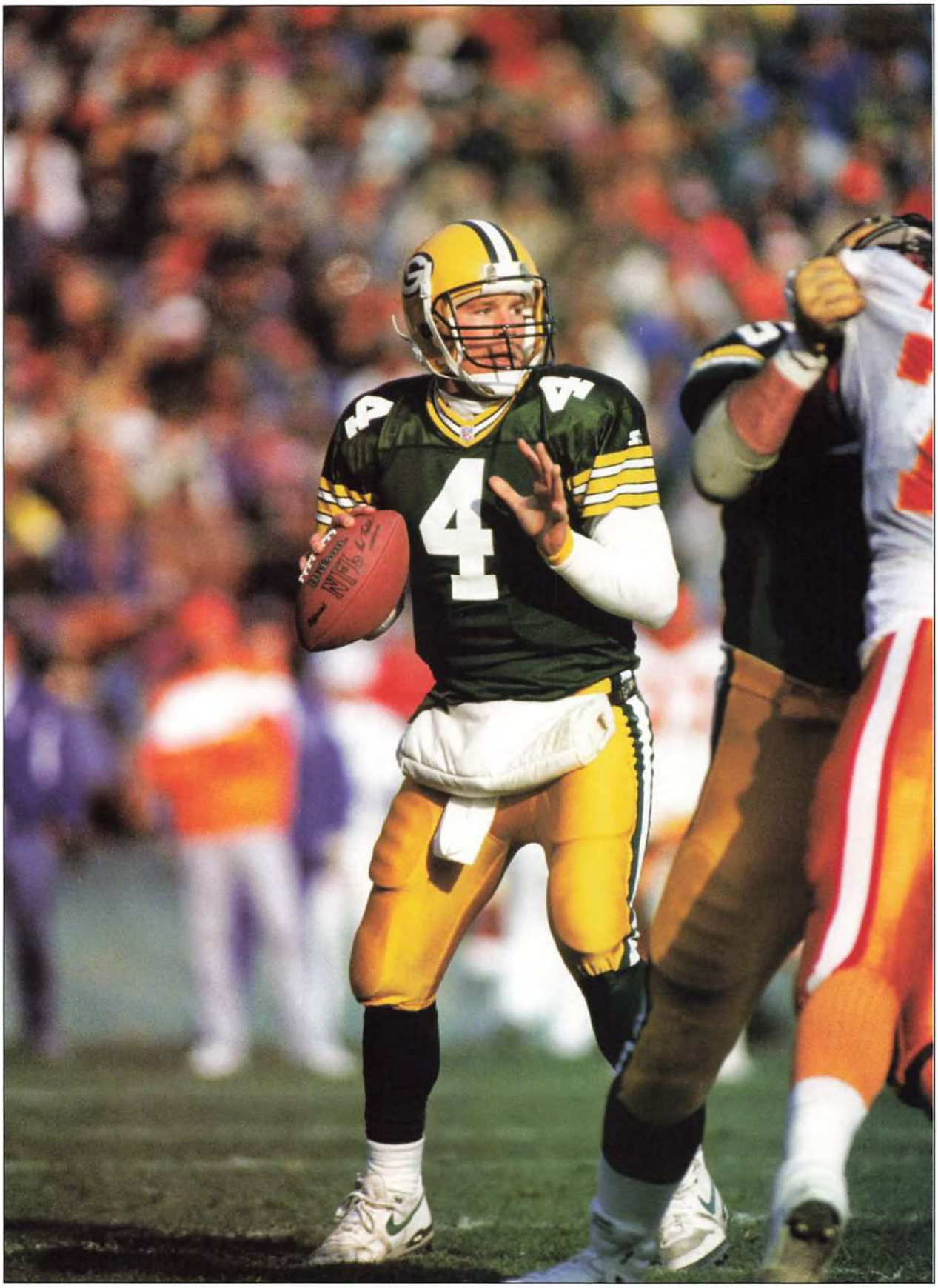

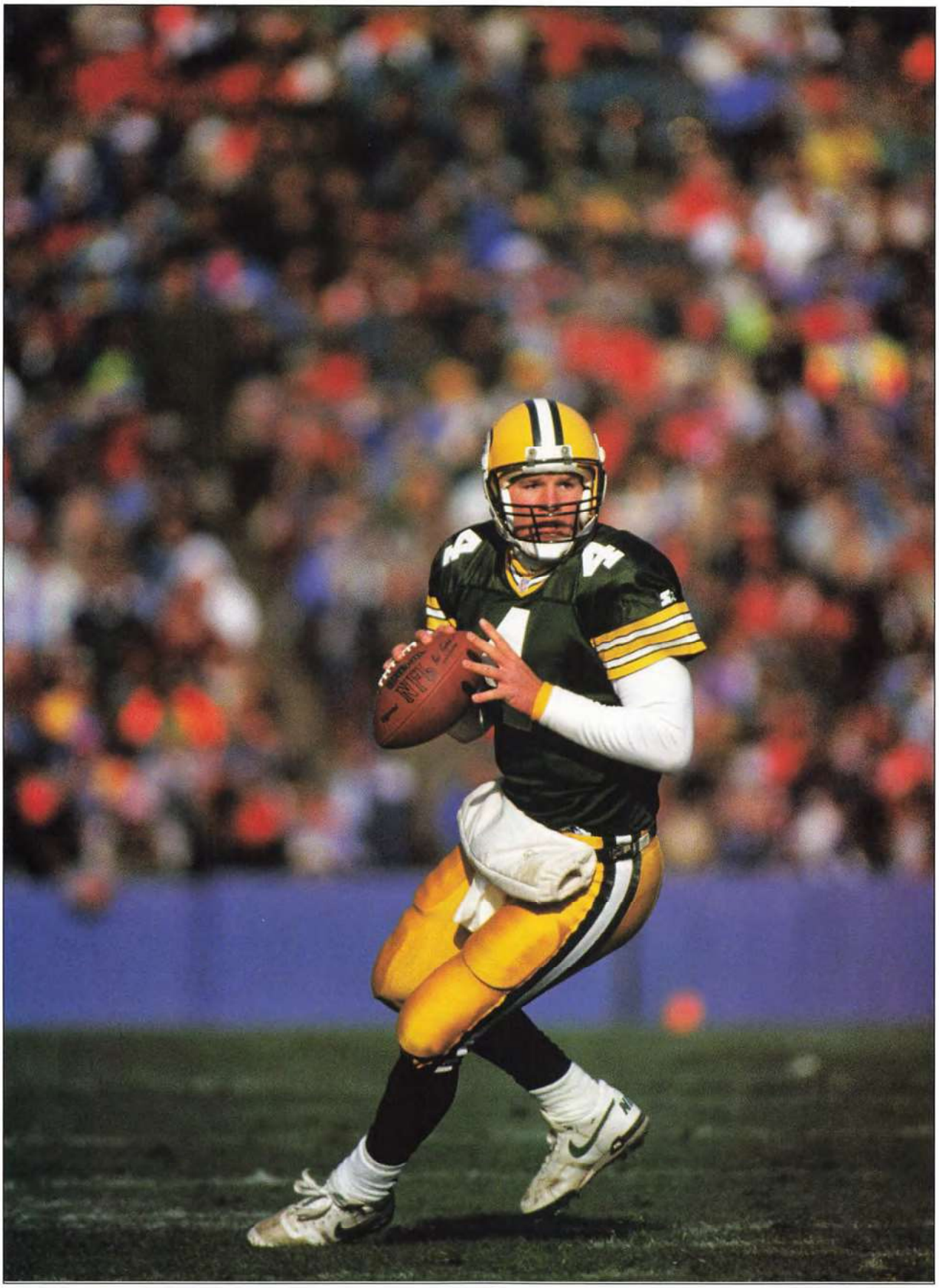

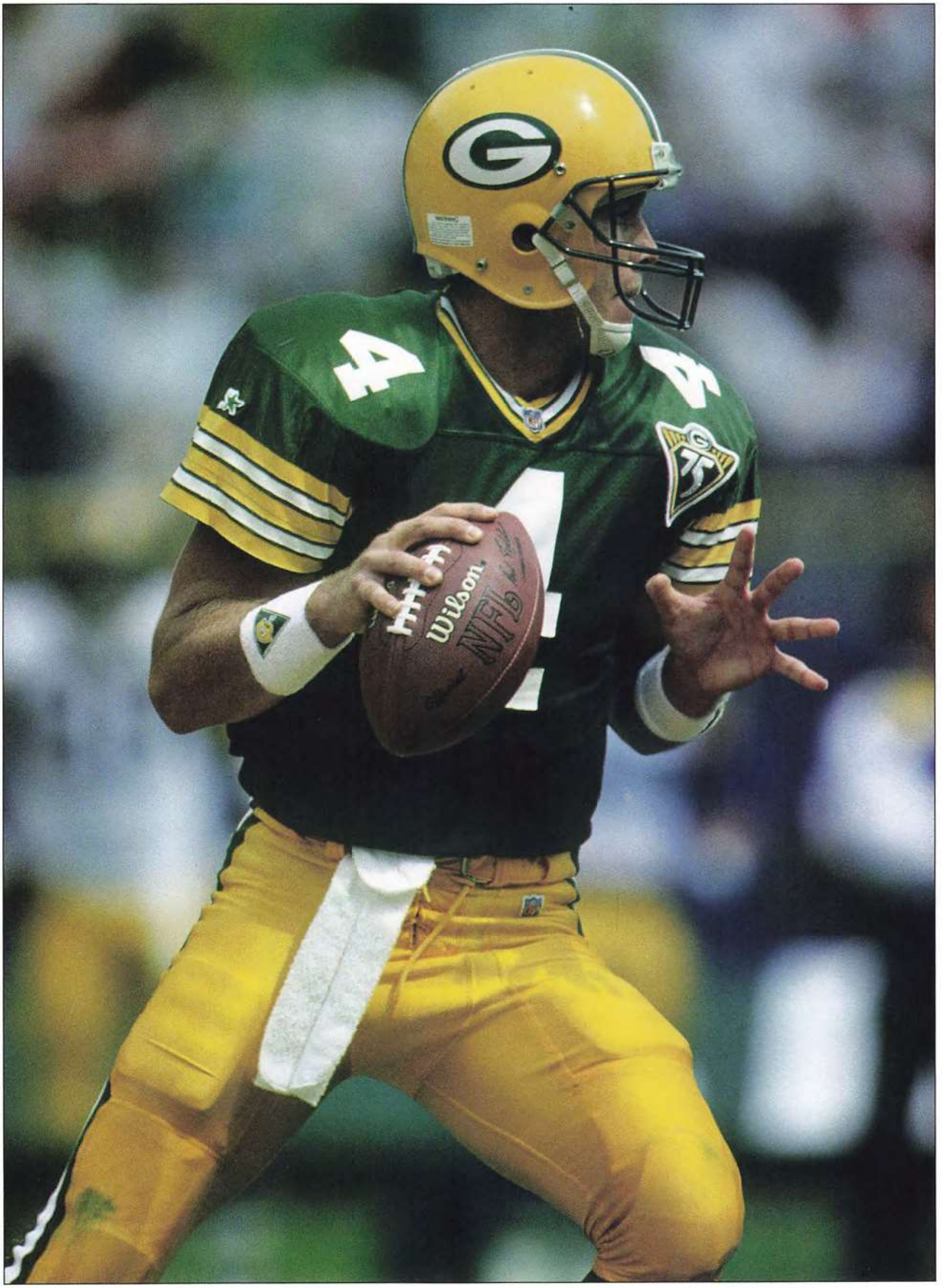
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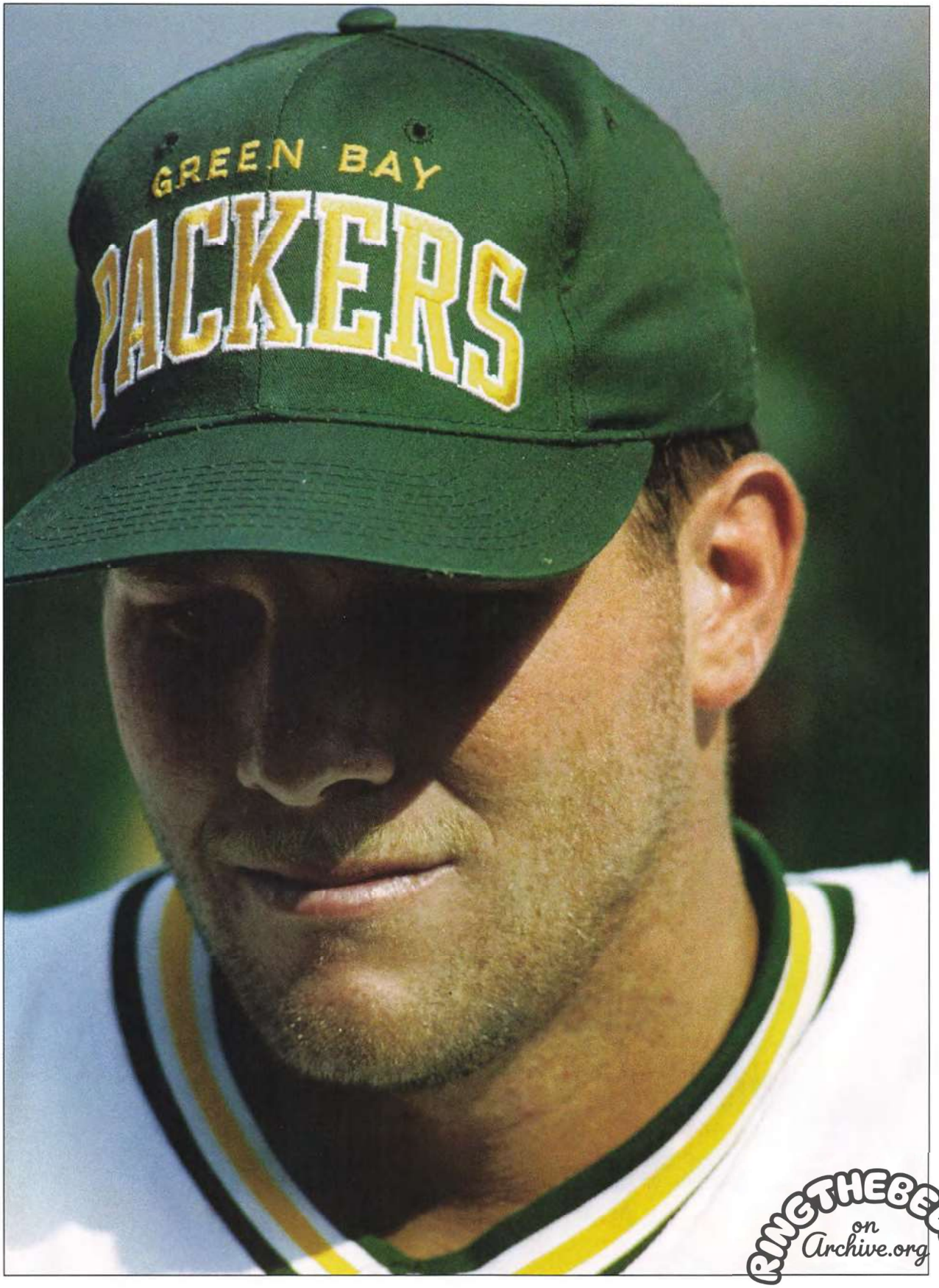

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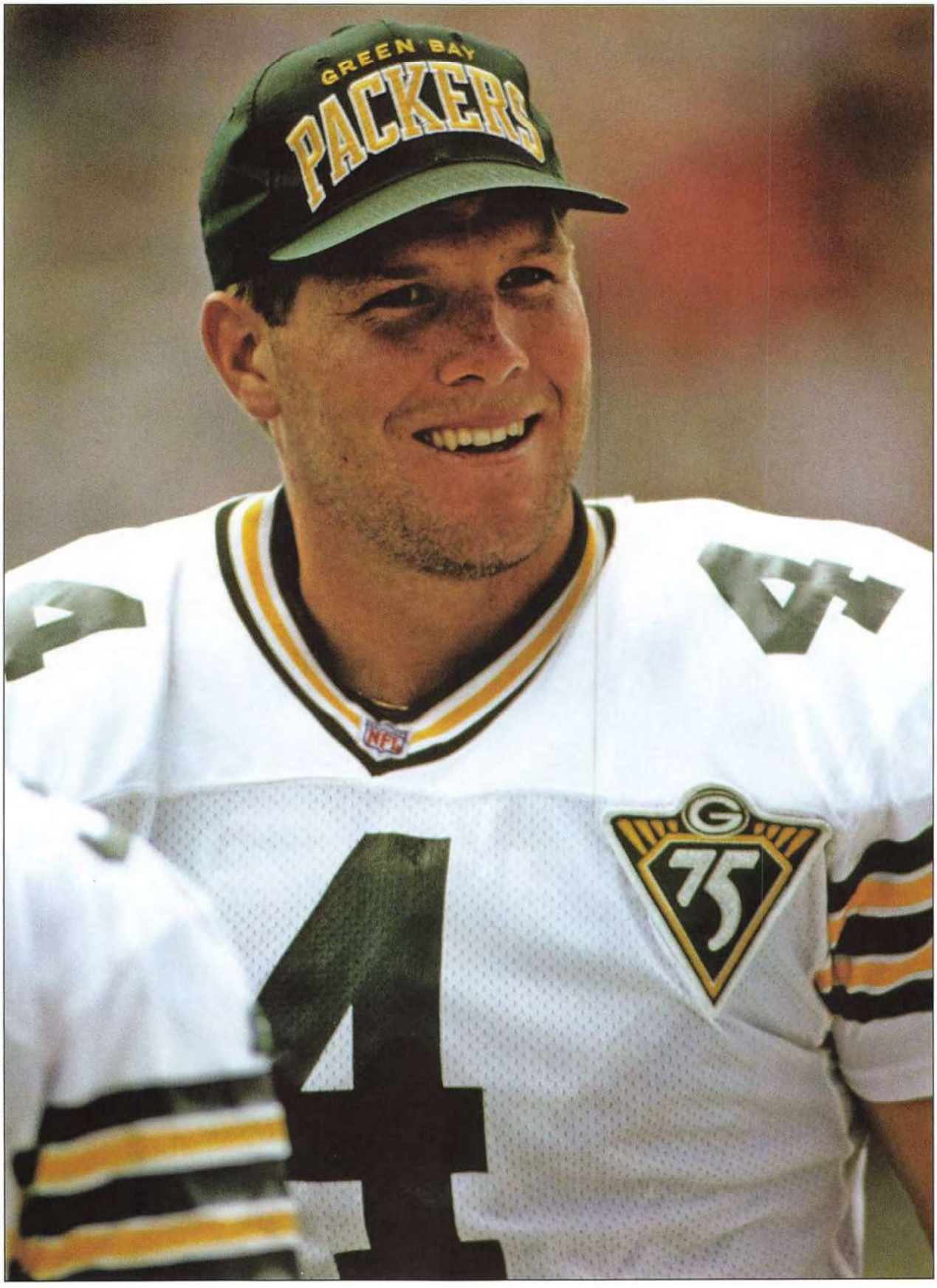
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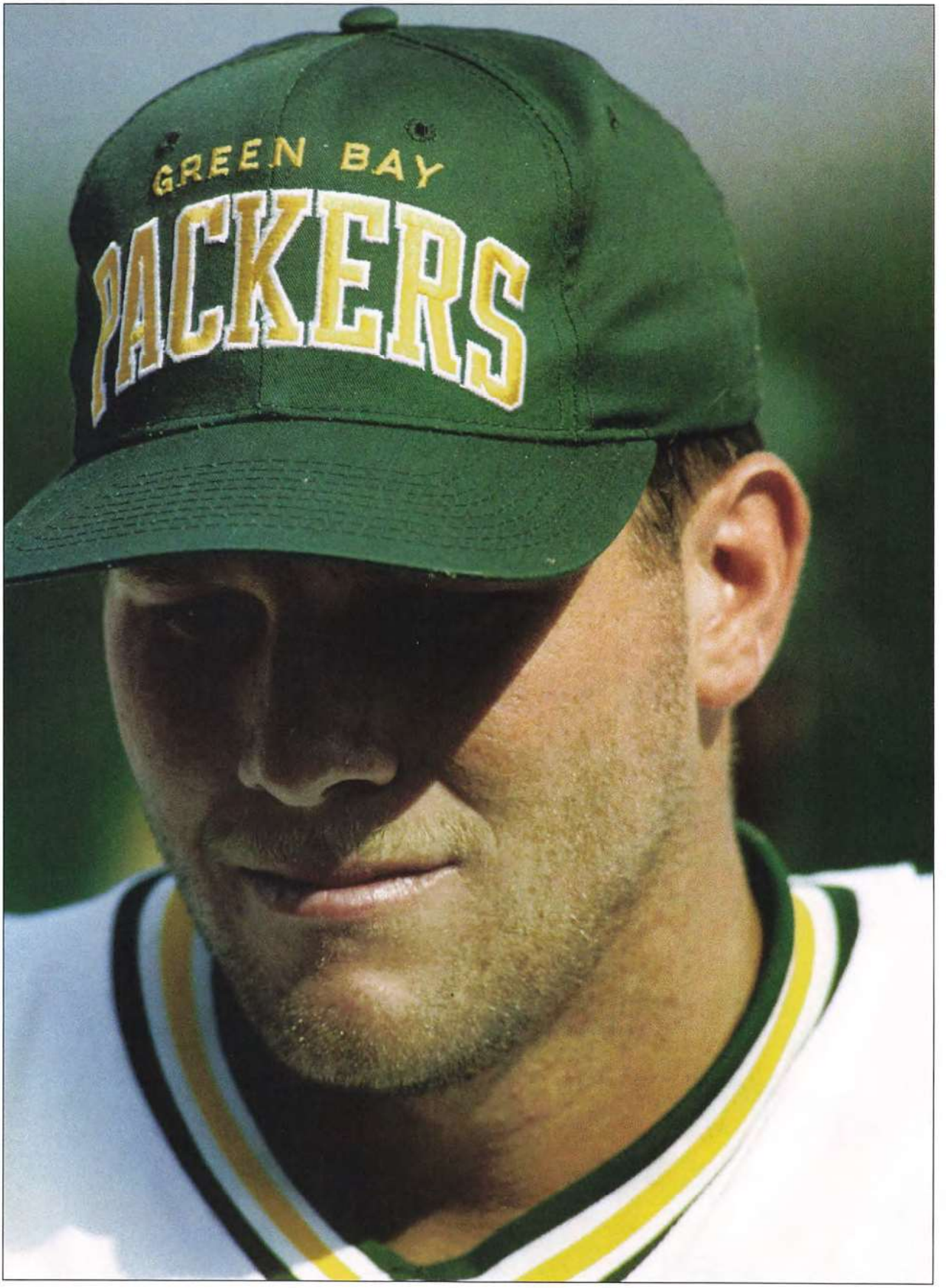
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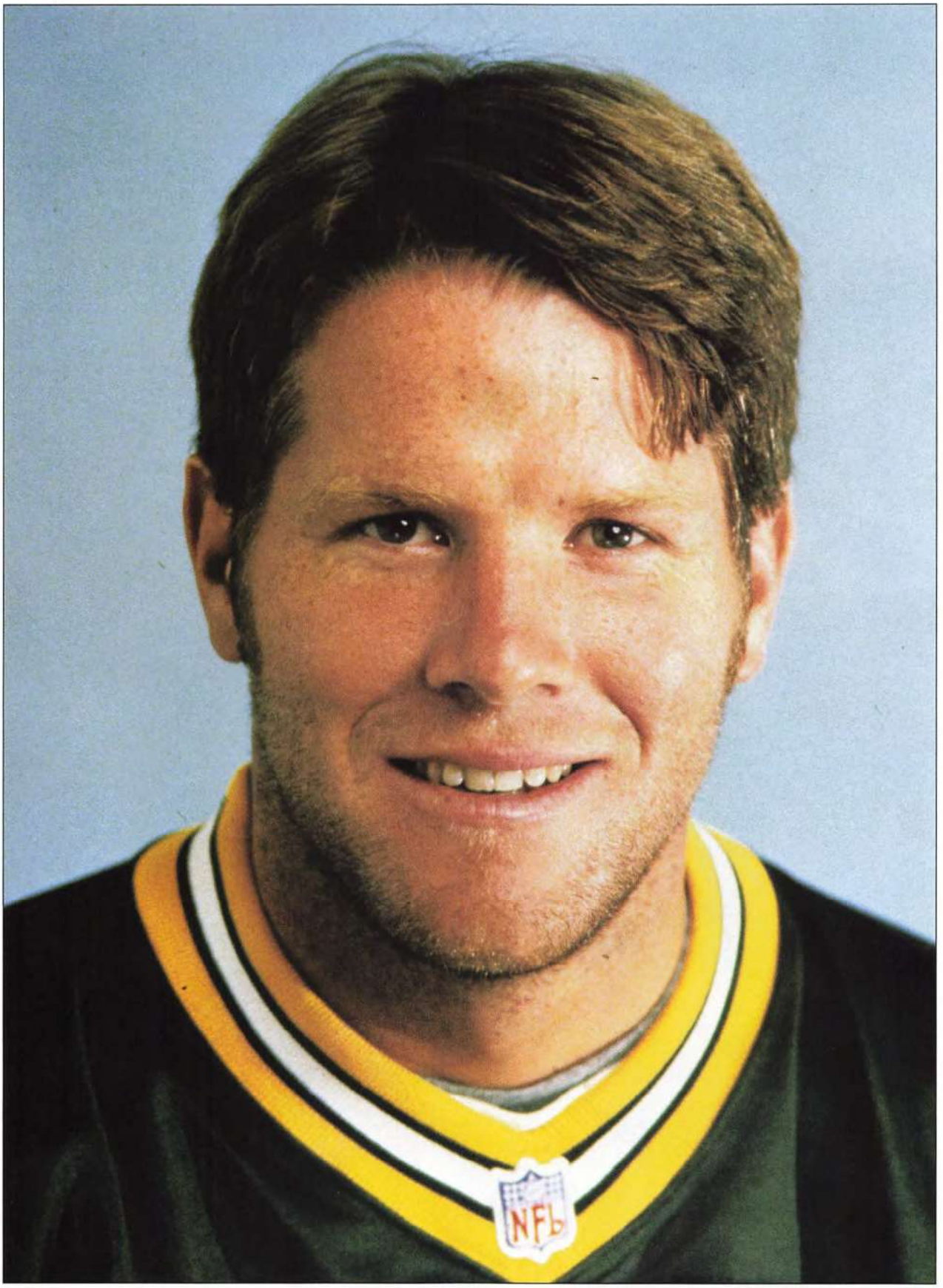
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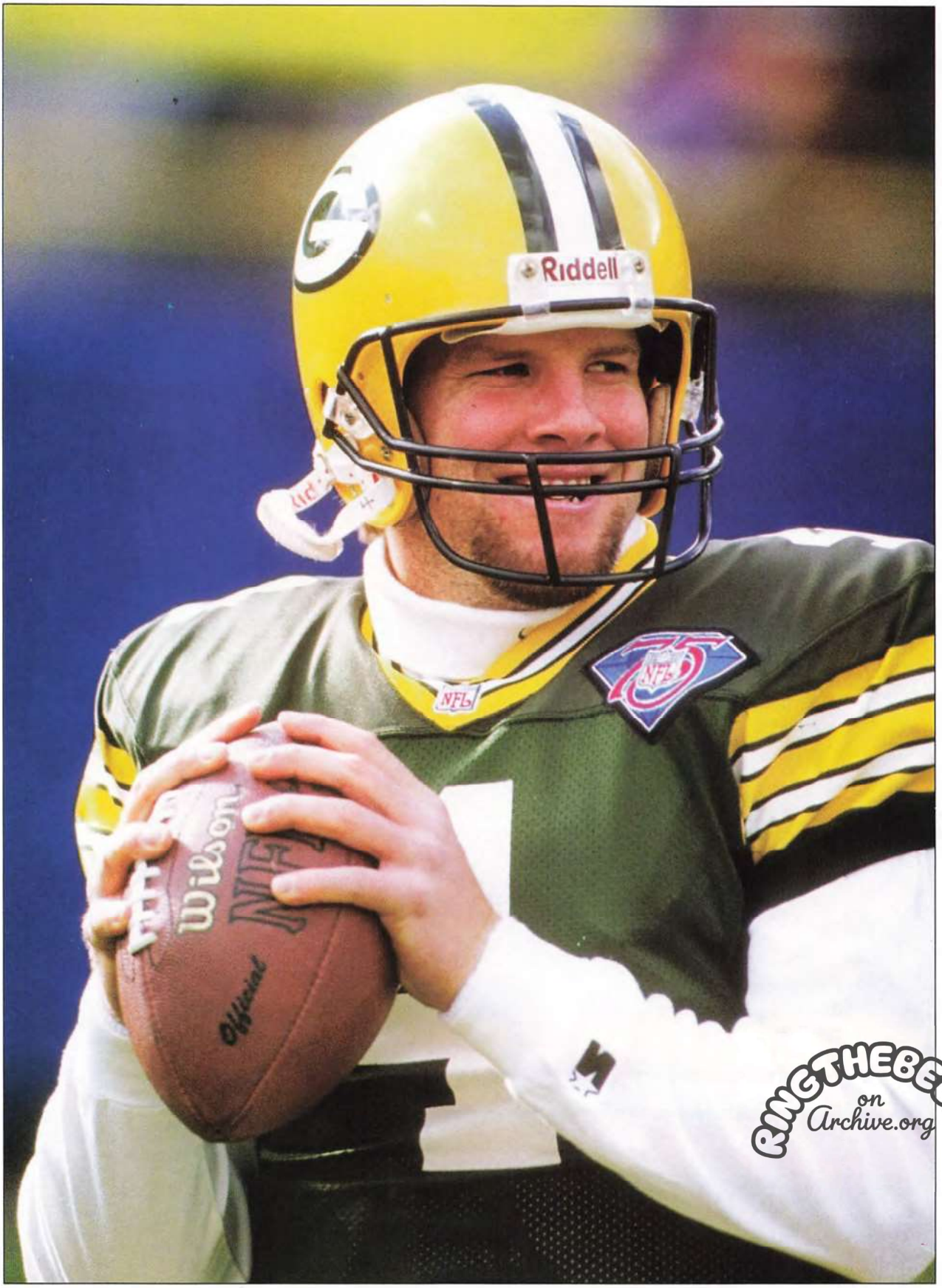

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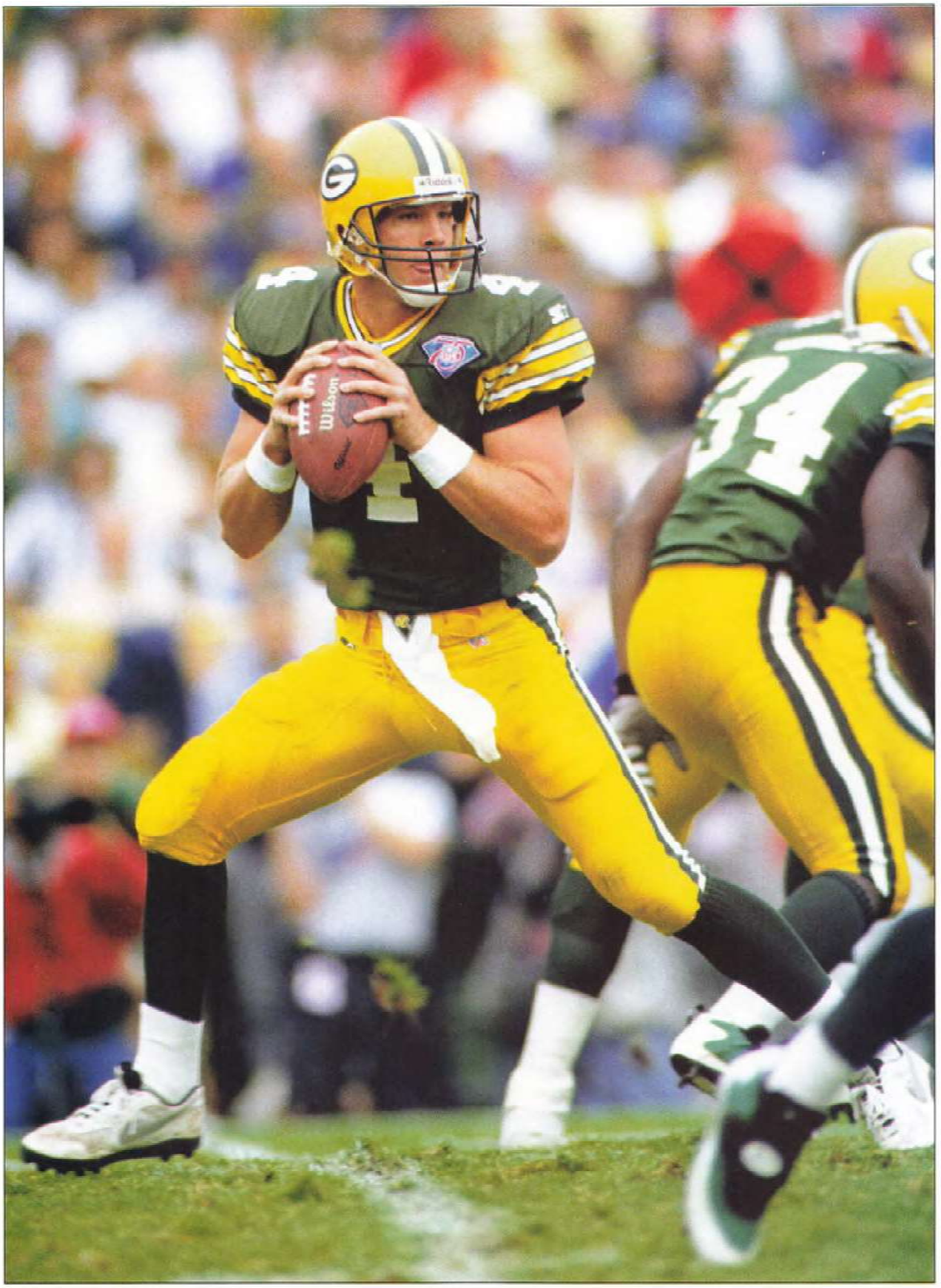

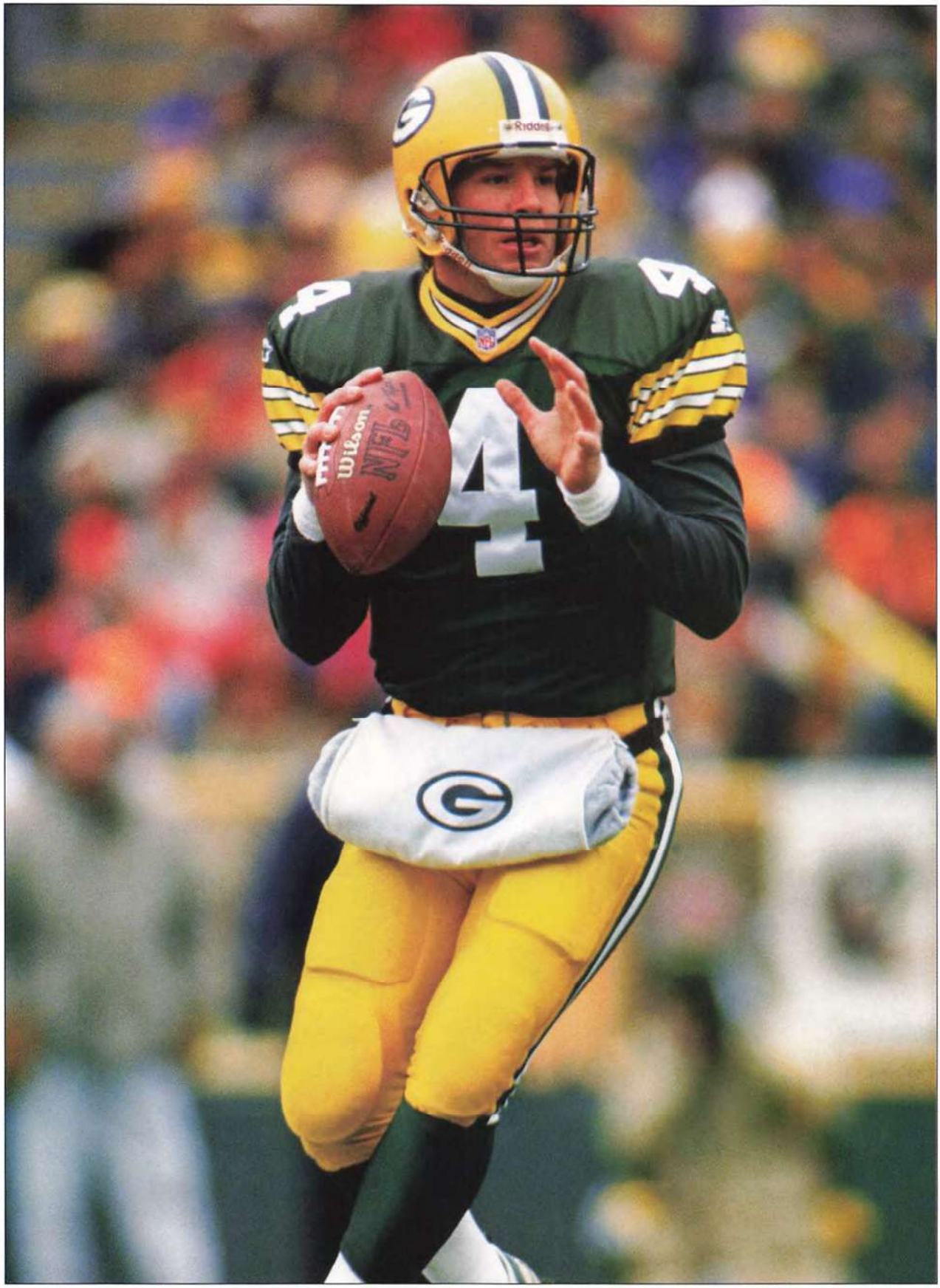
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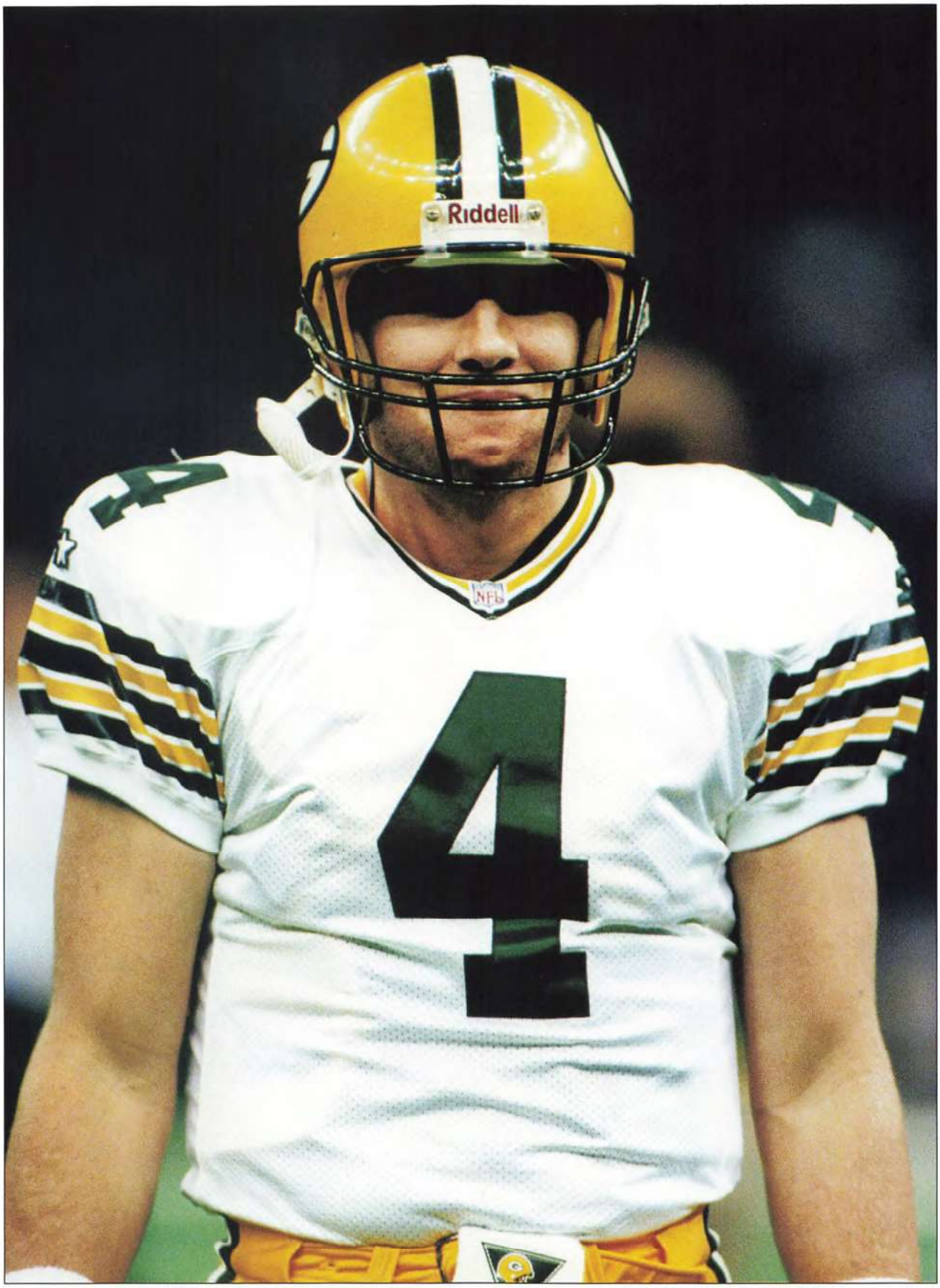
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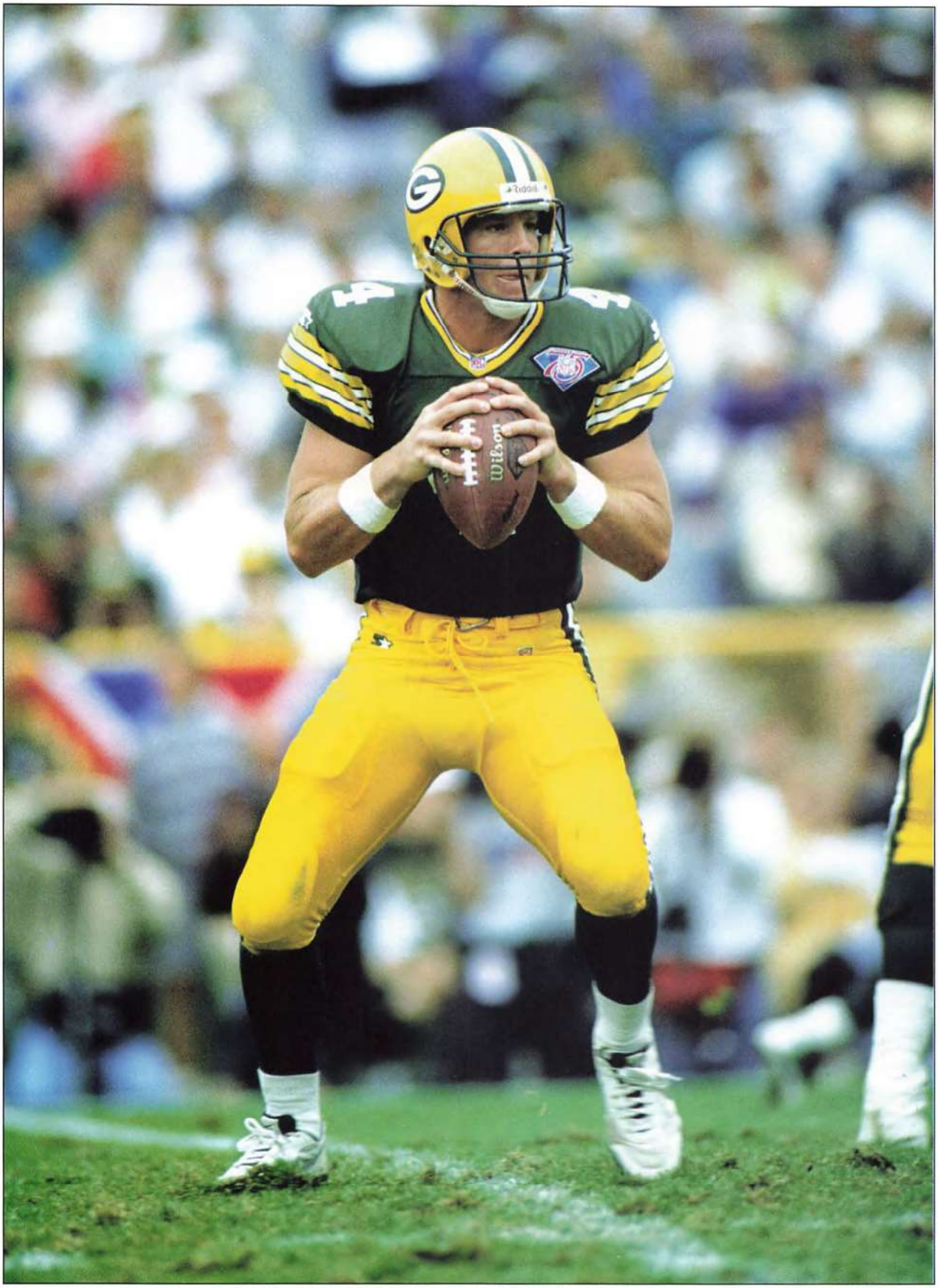
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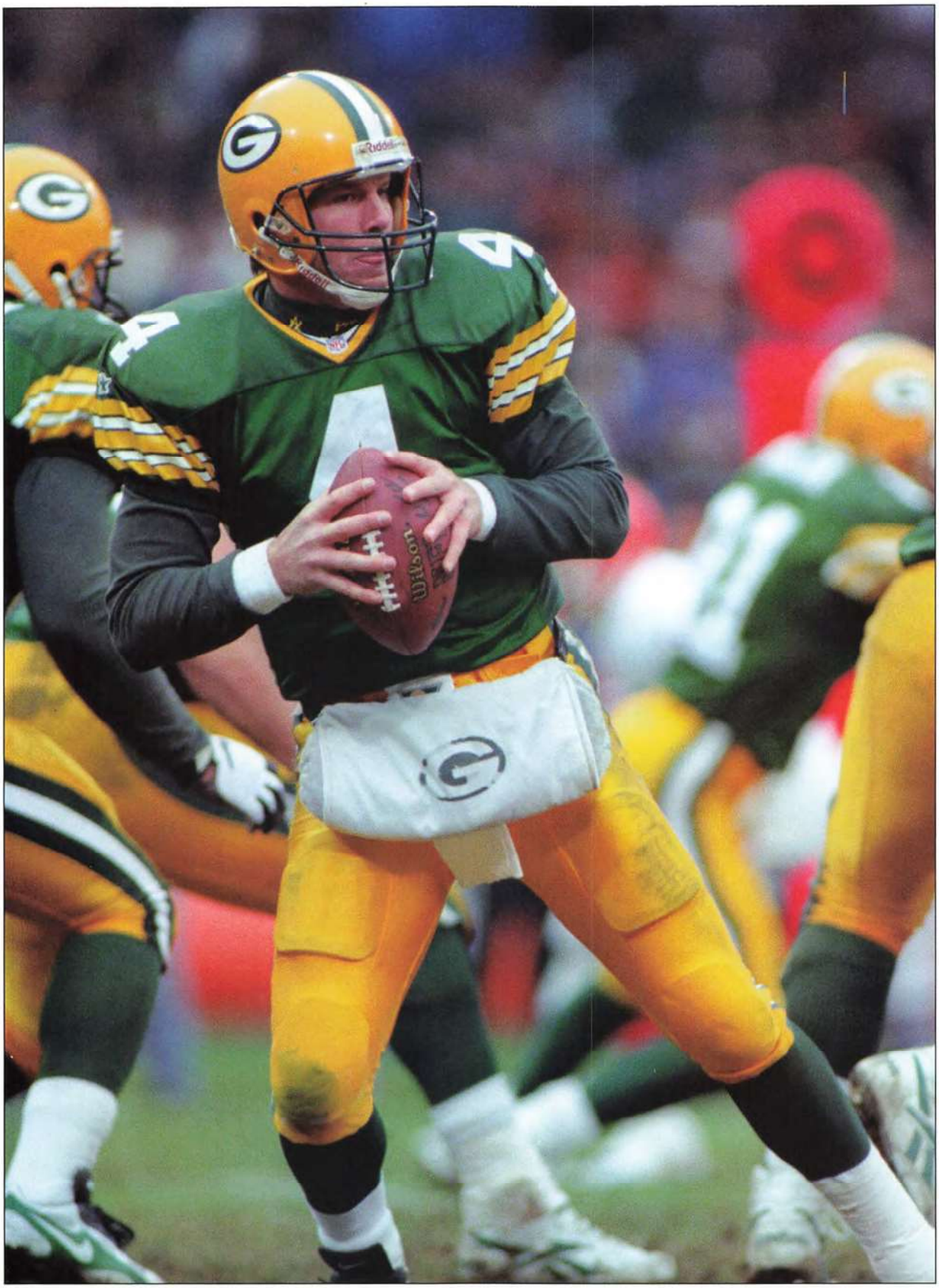
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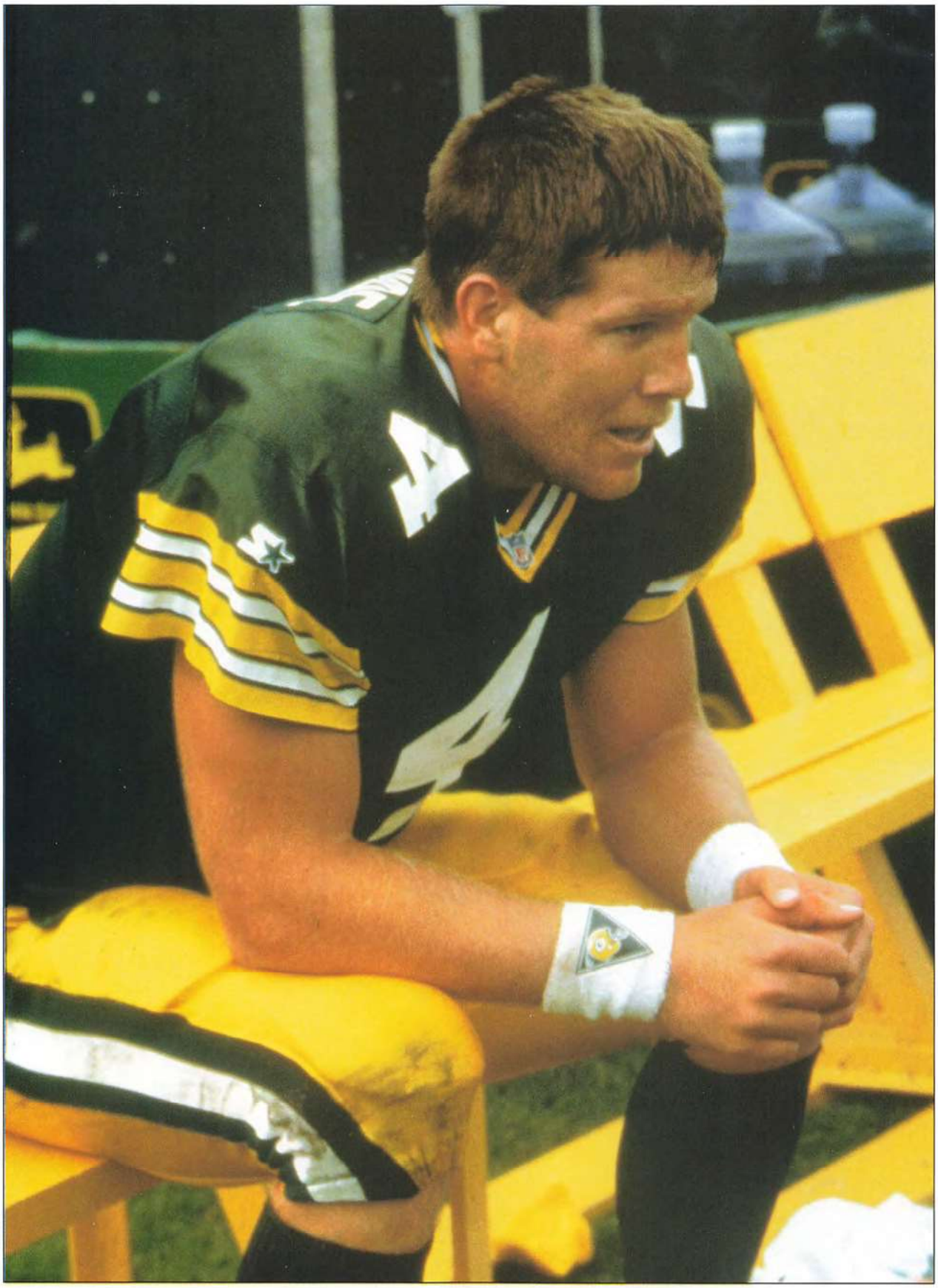

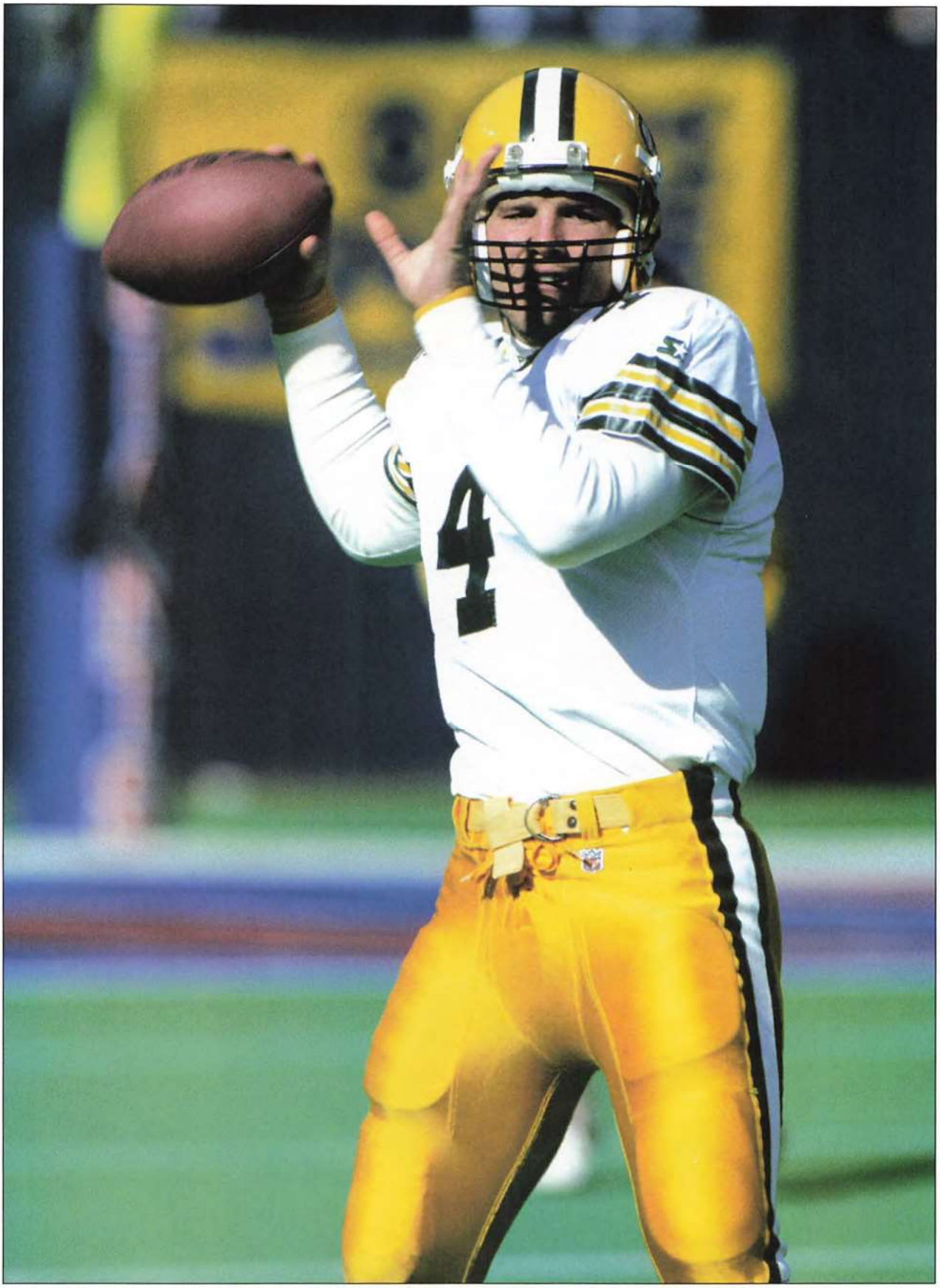

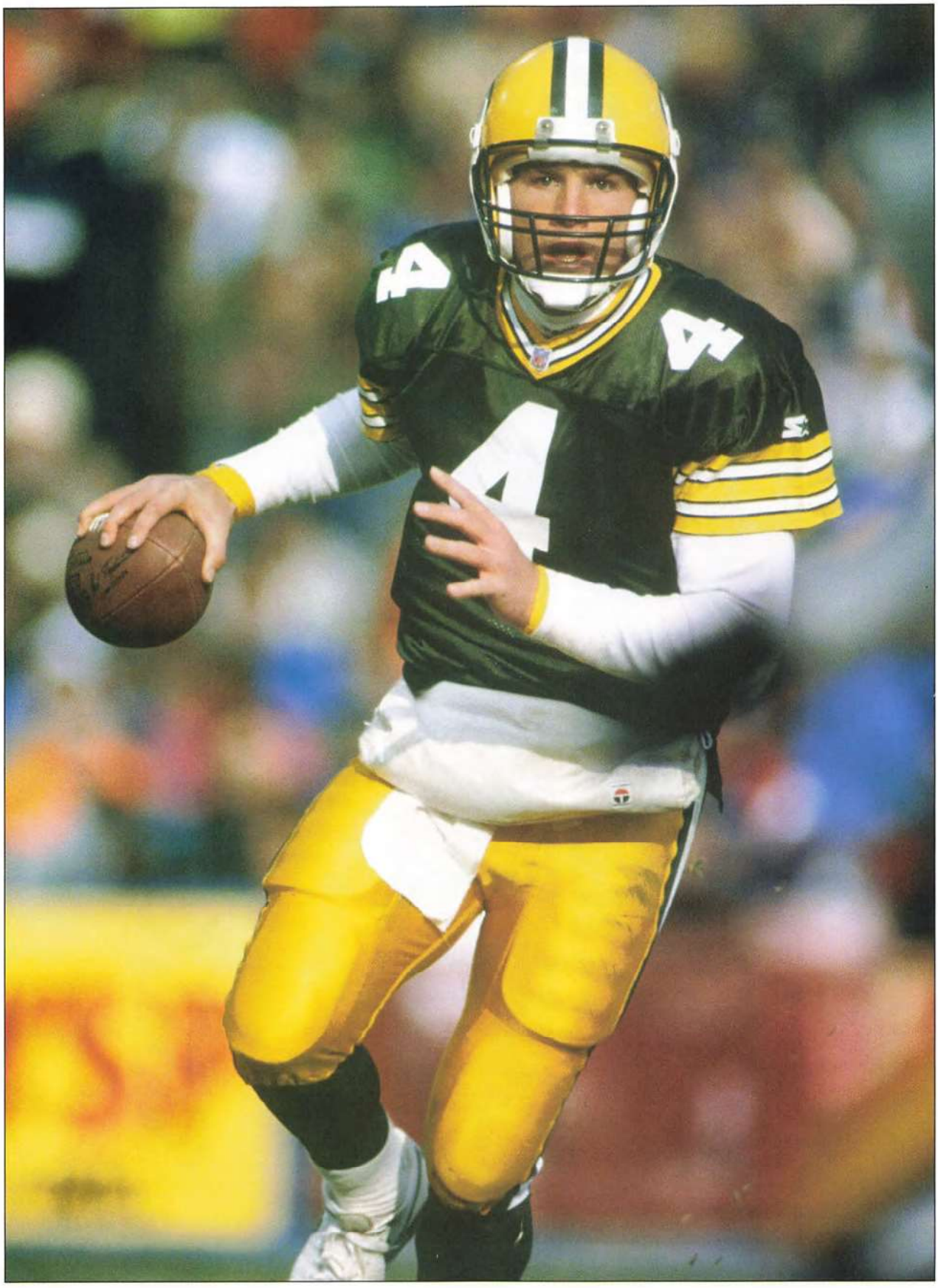

THE SUPER BOWL YEARS

Green Bay Packers
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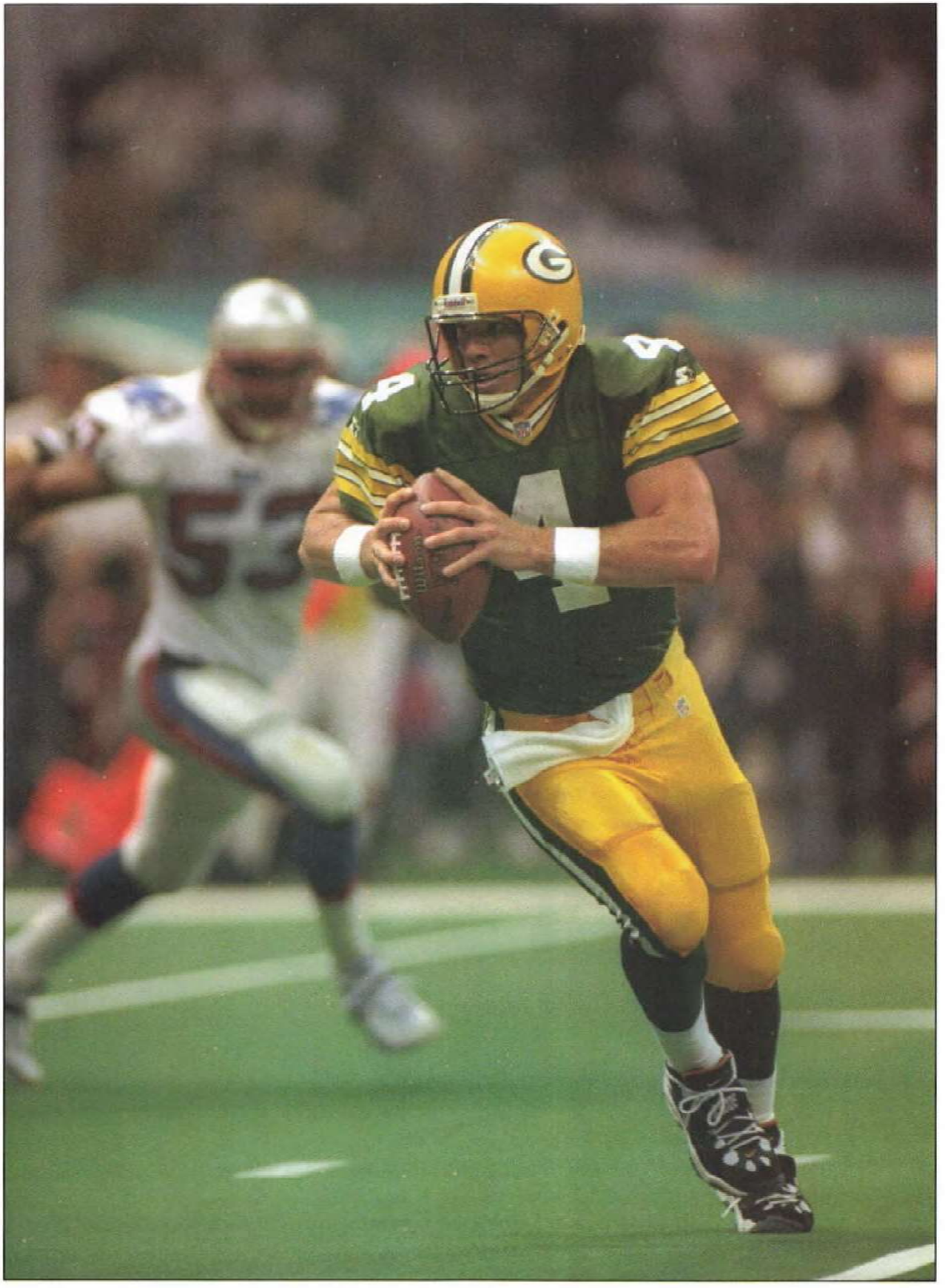

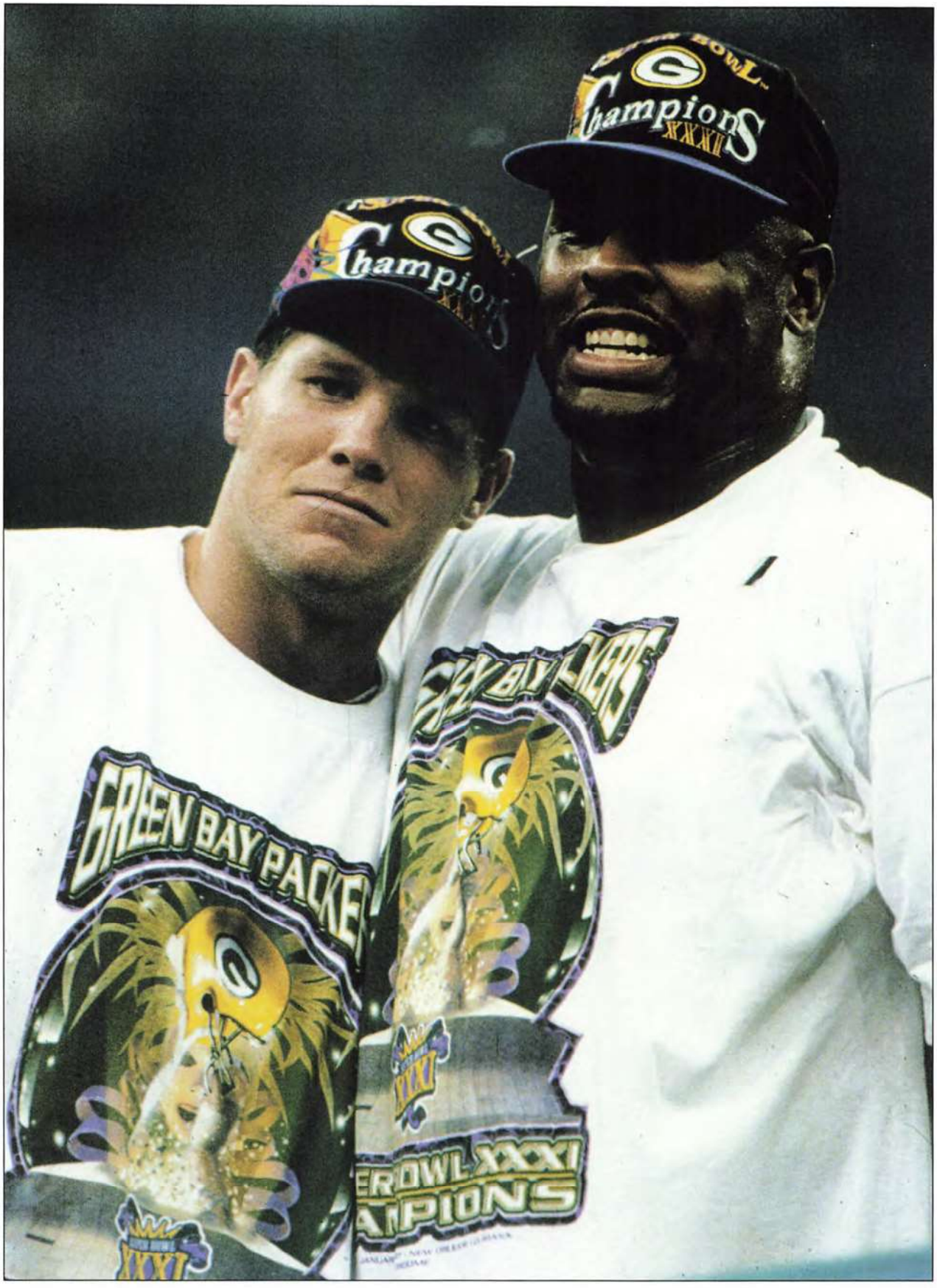
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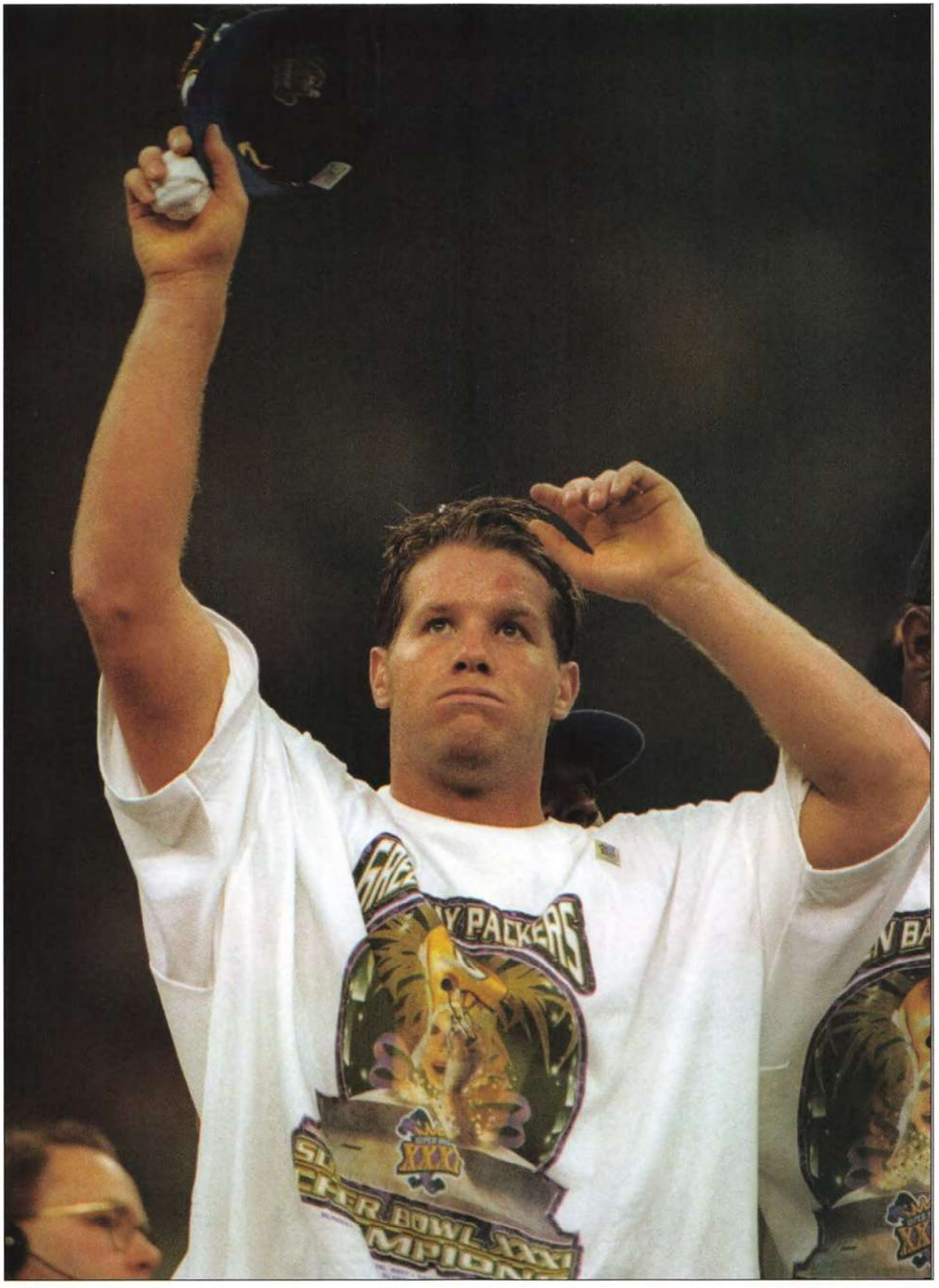
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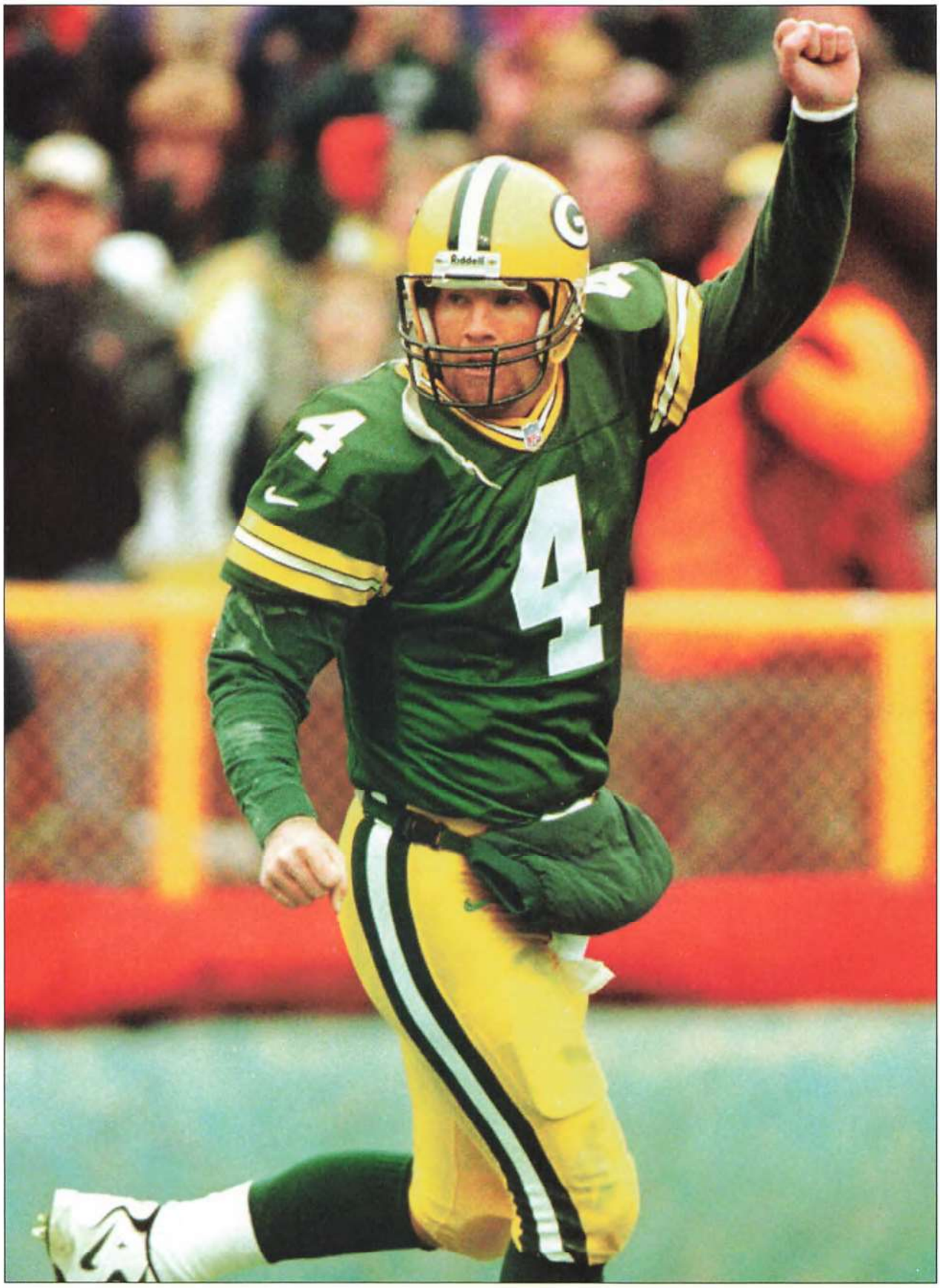
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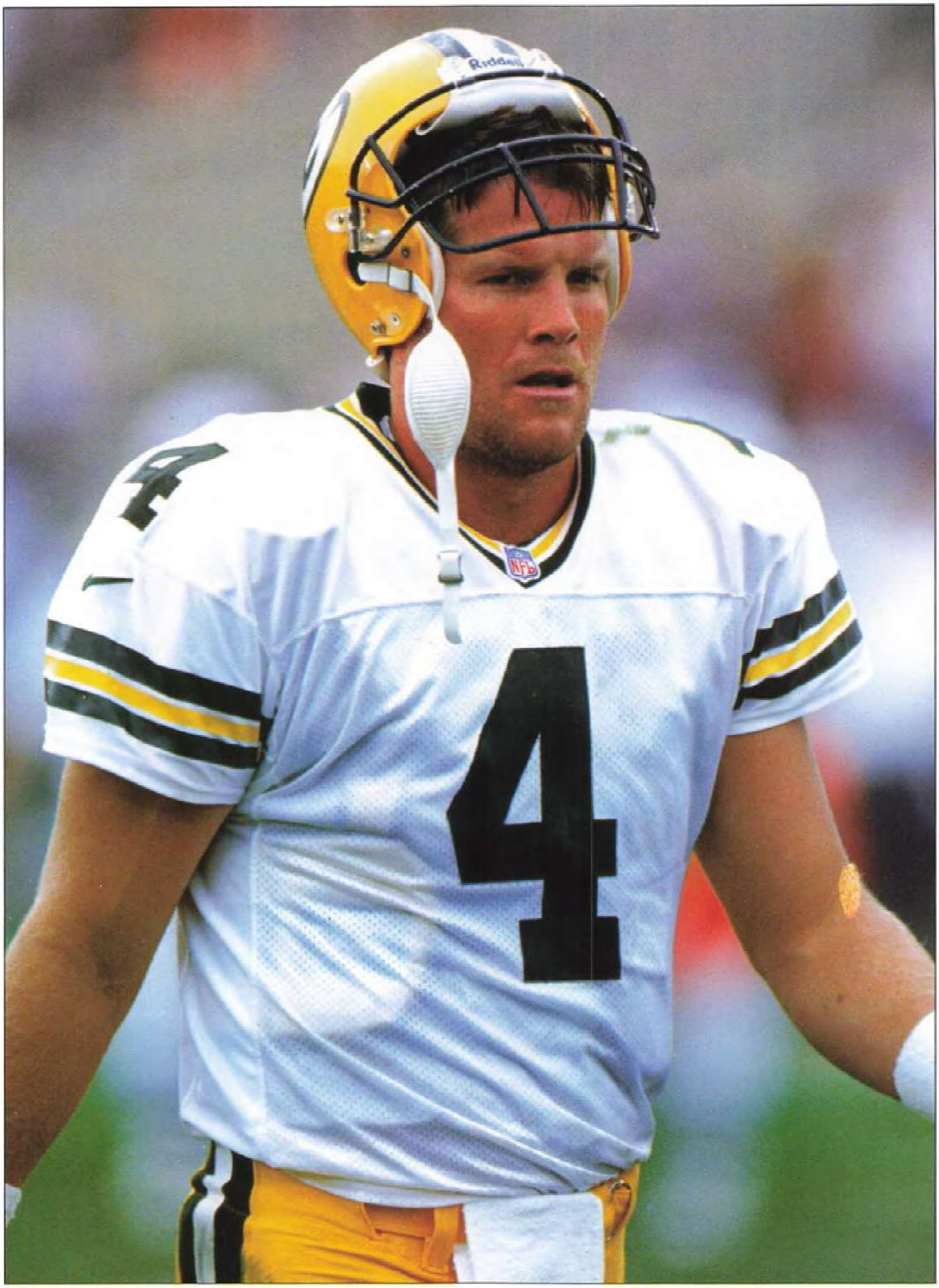
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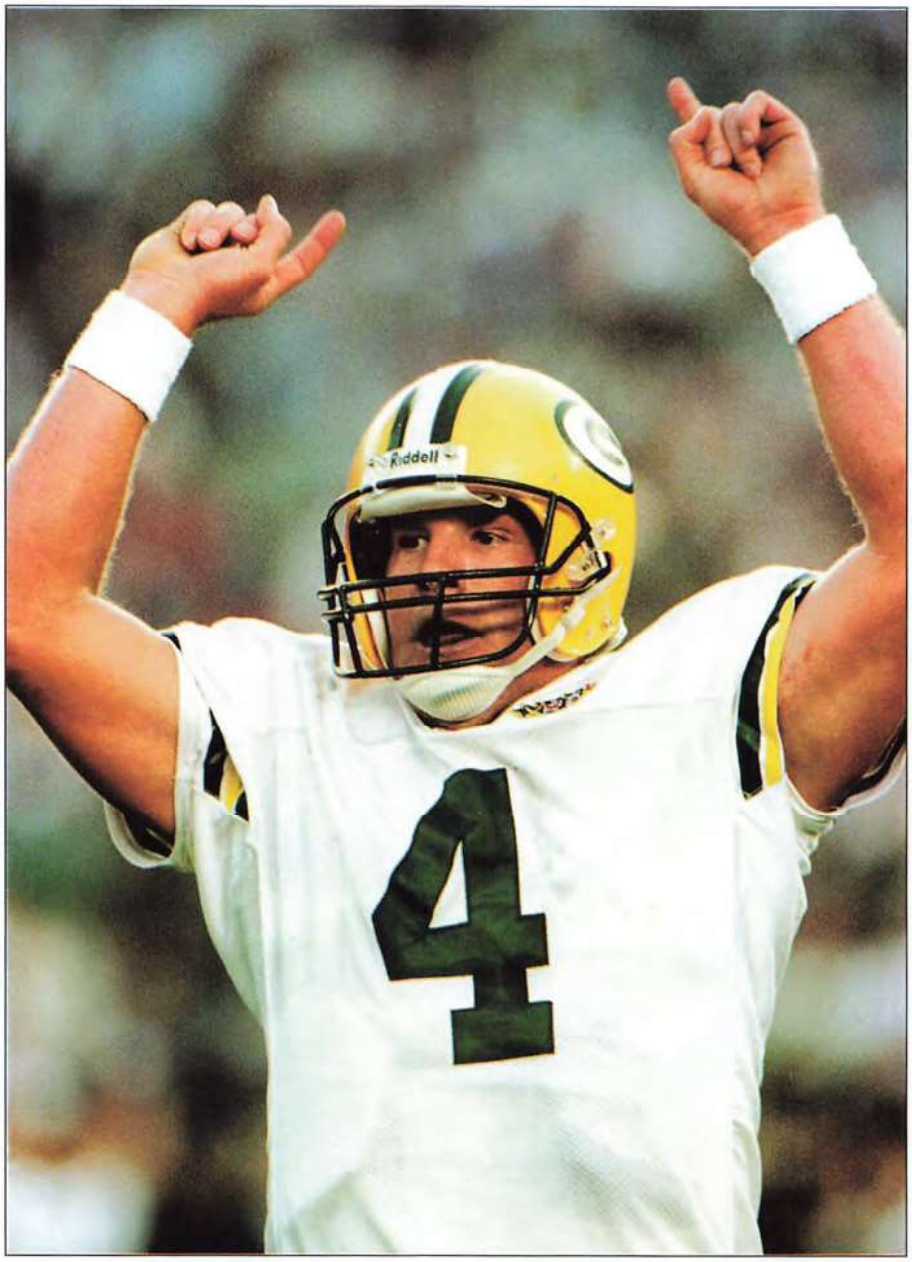

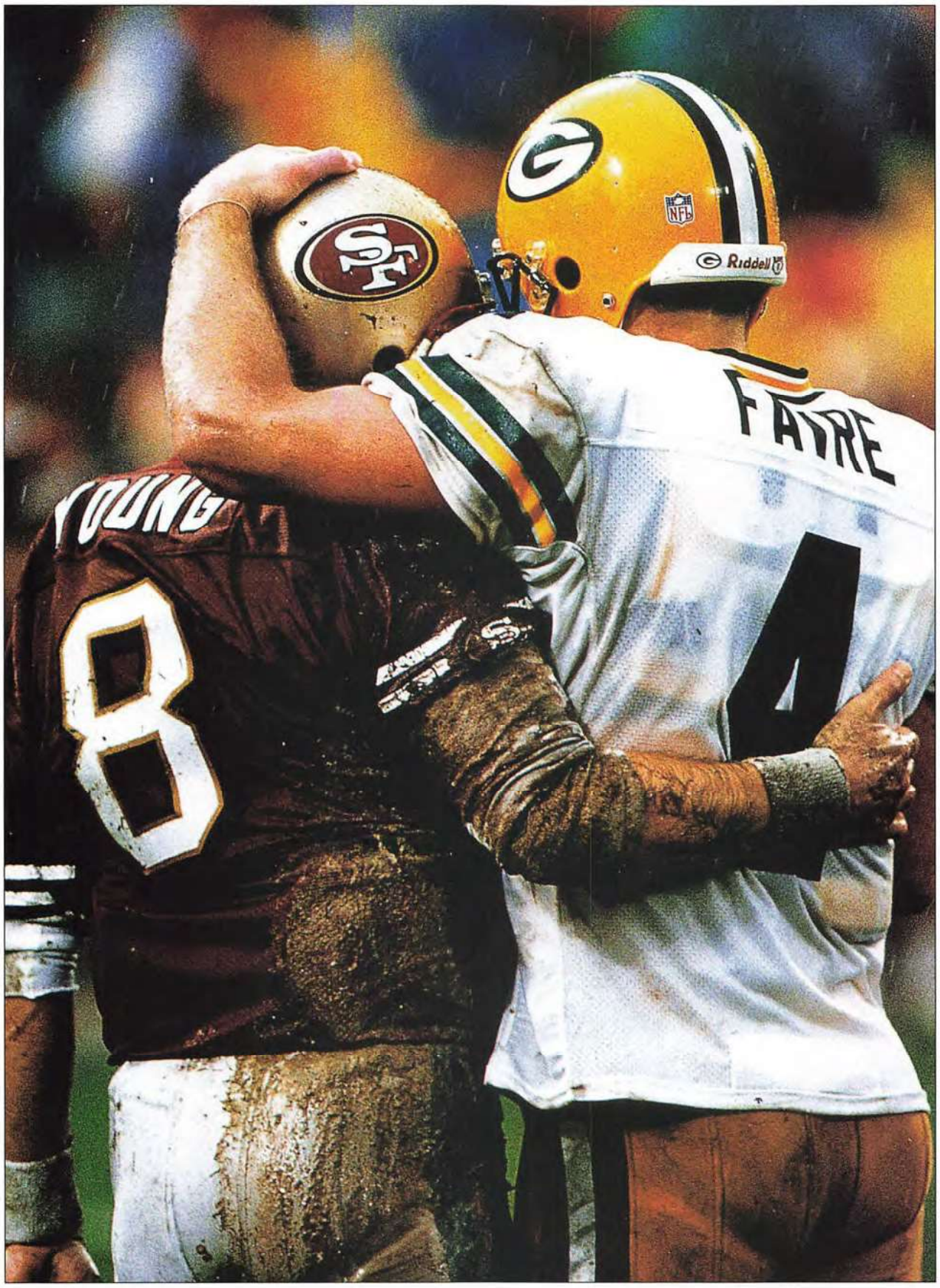
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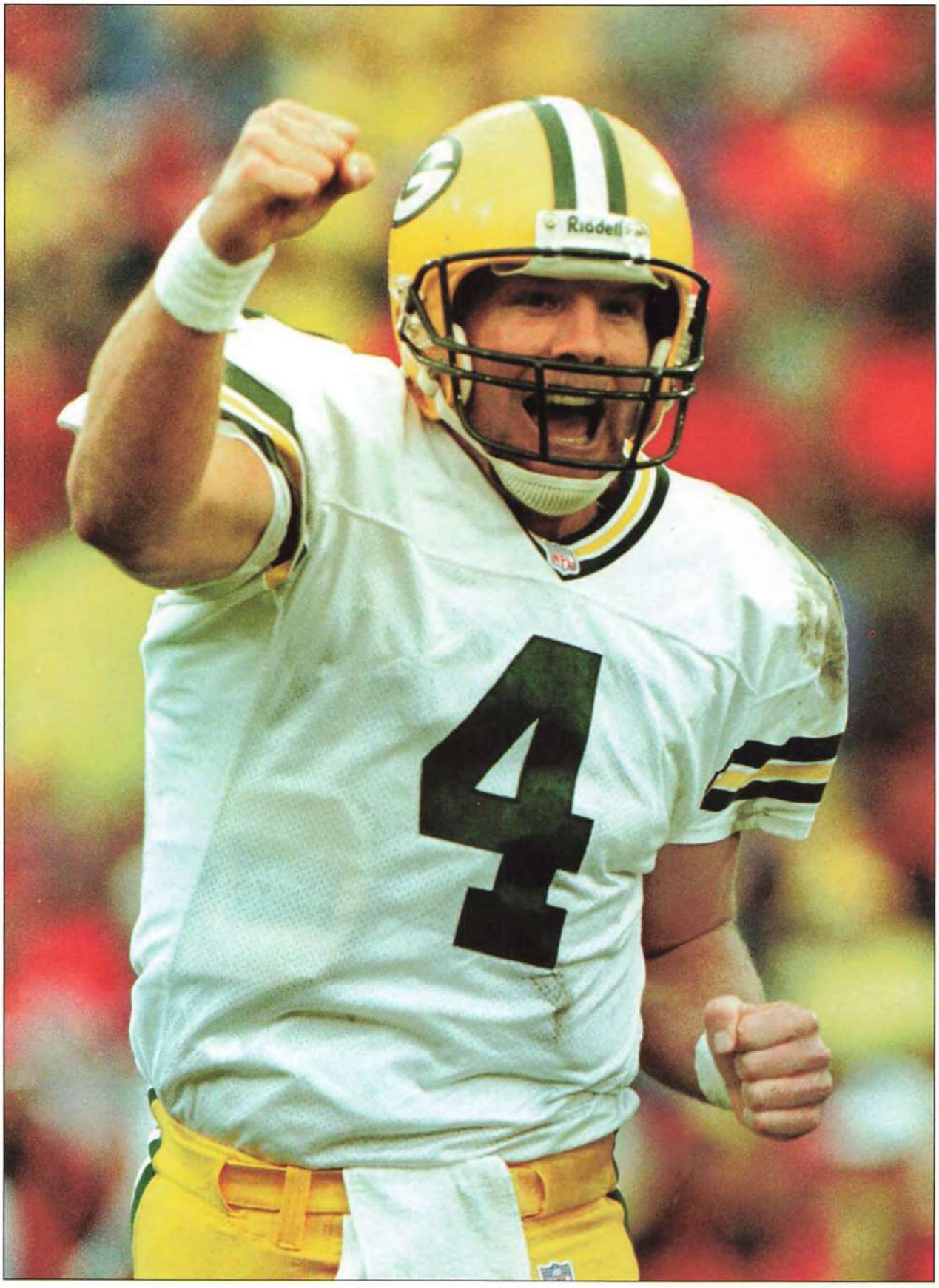
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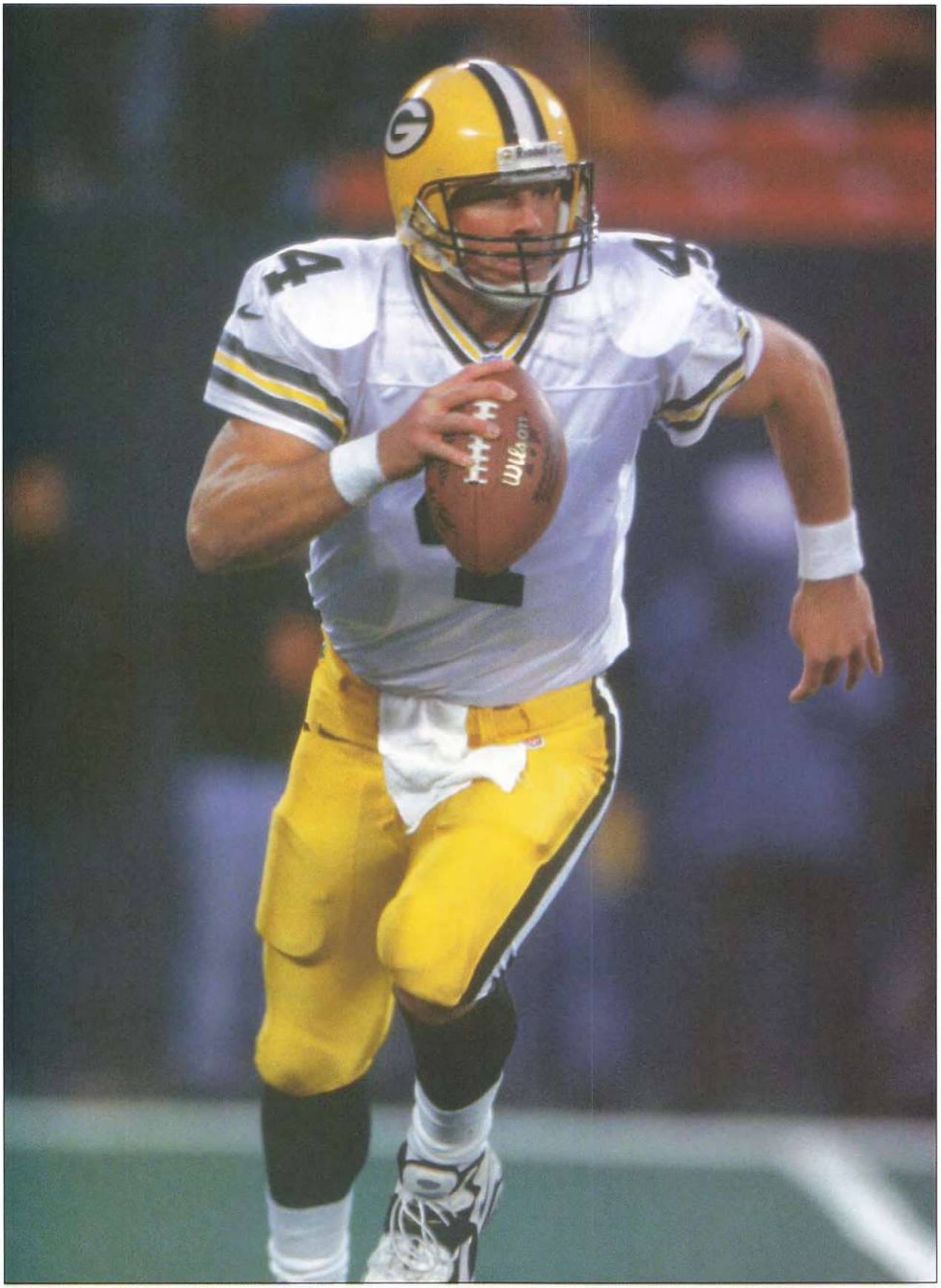

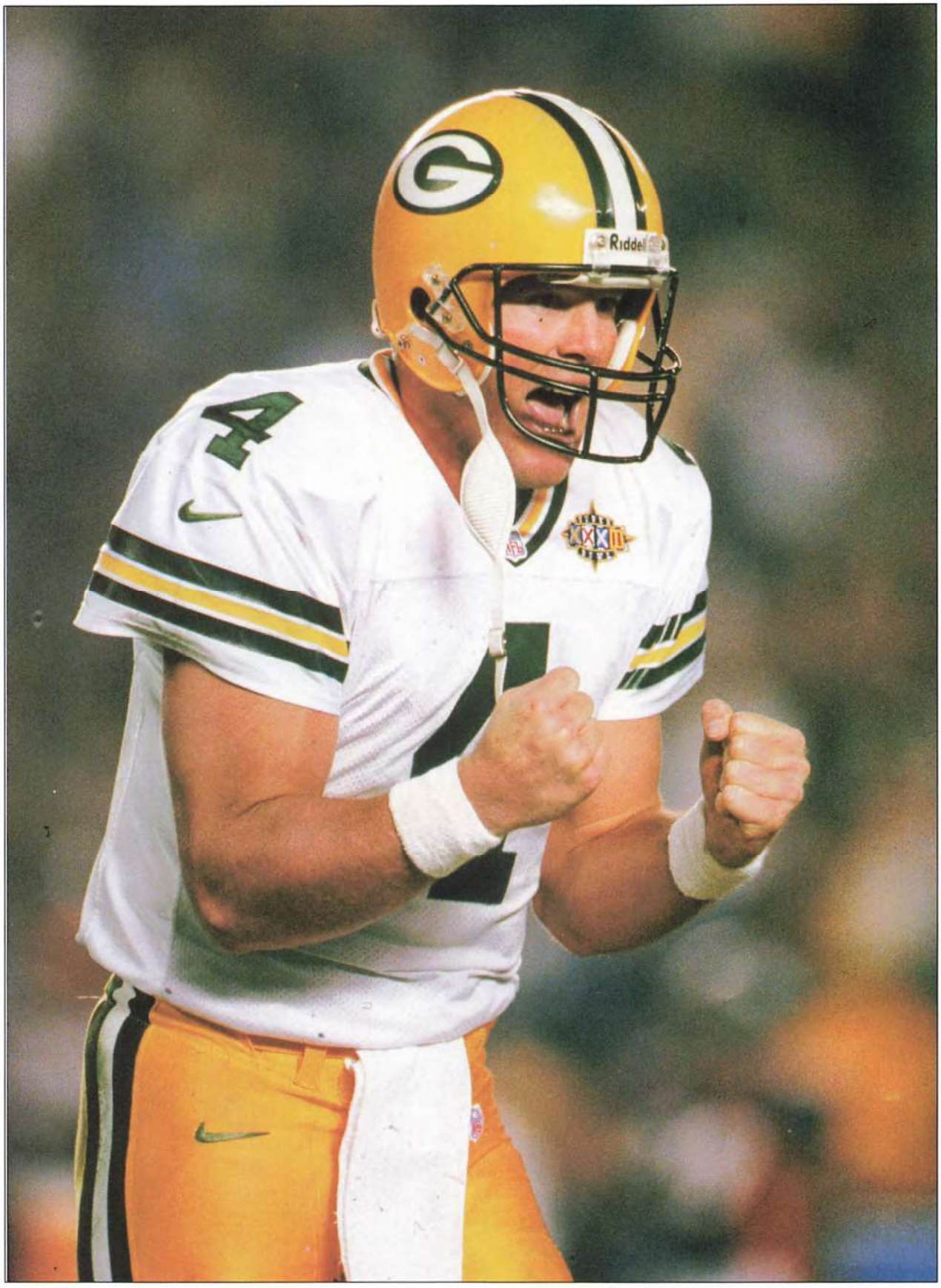
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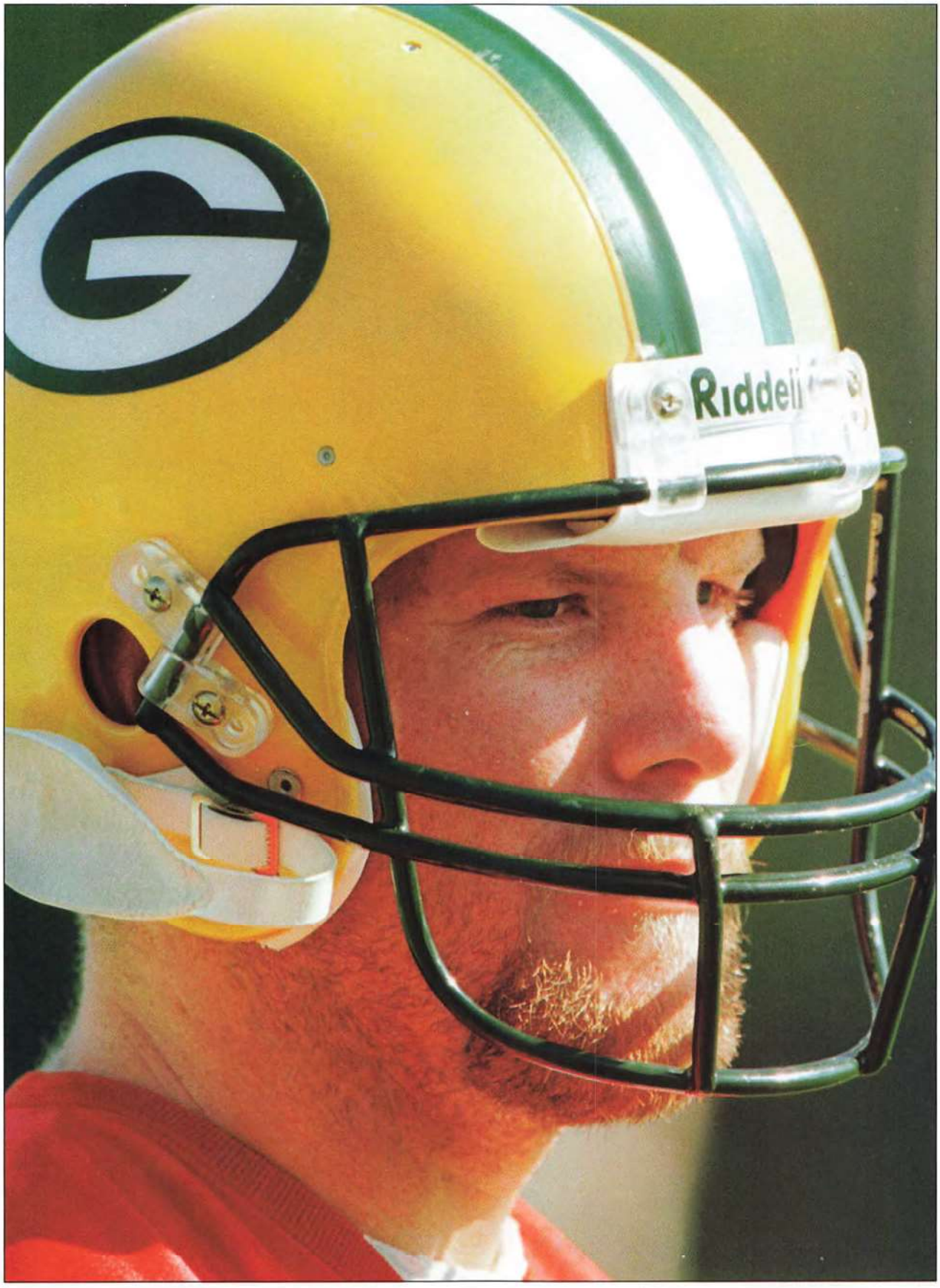
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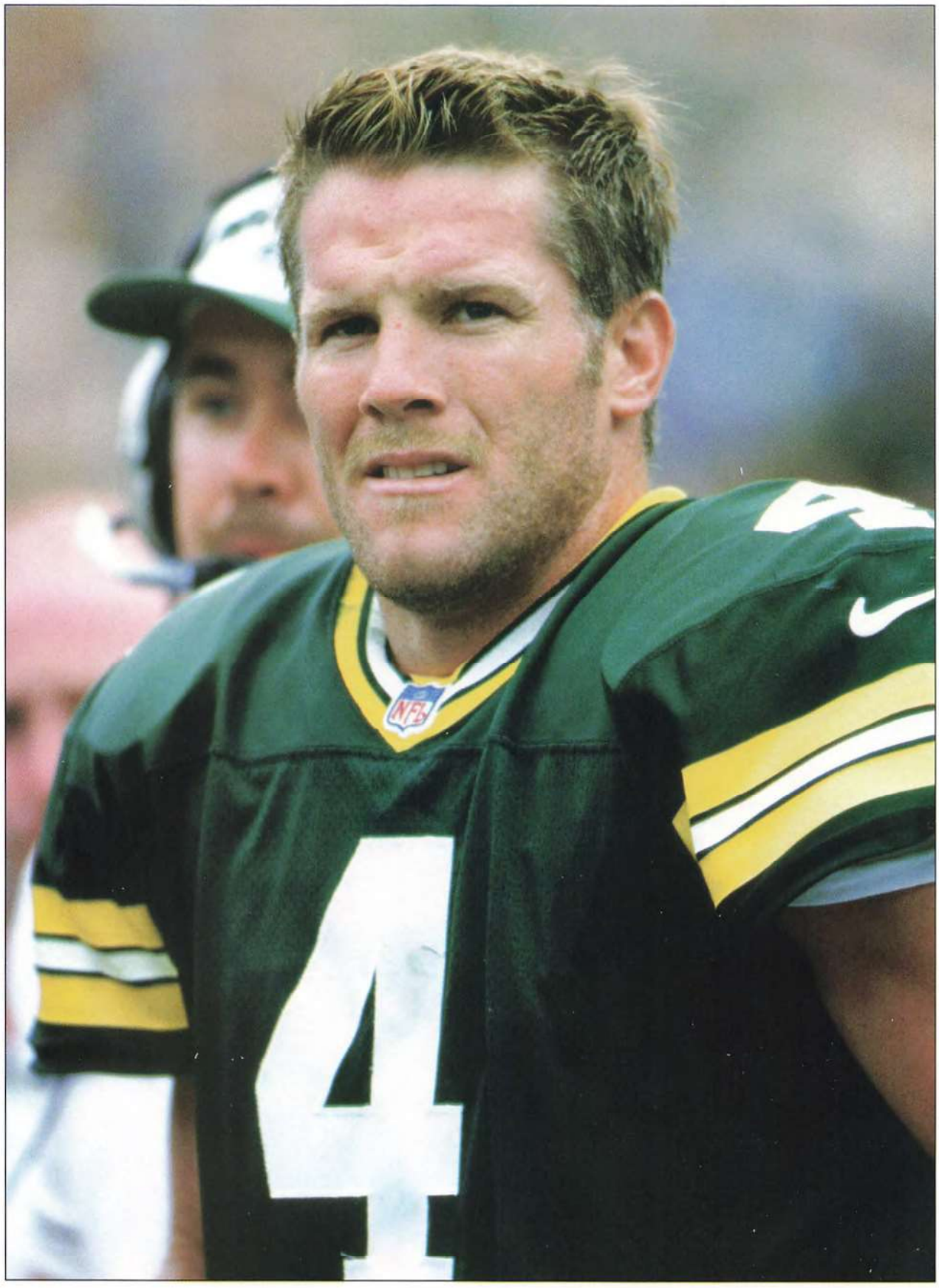
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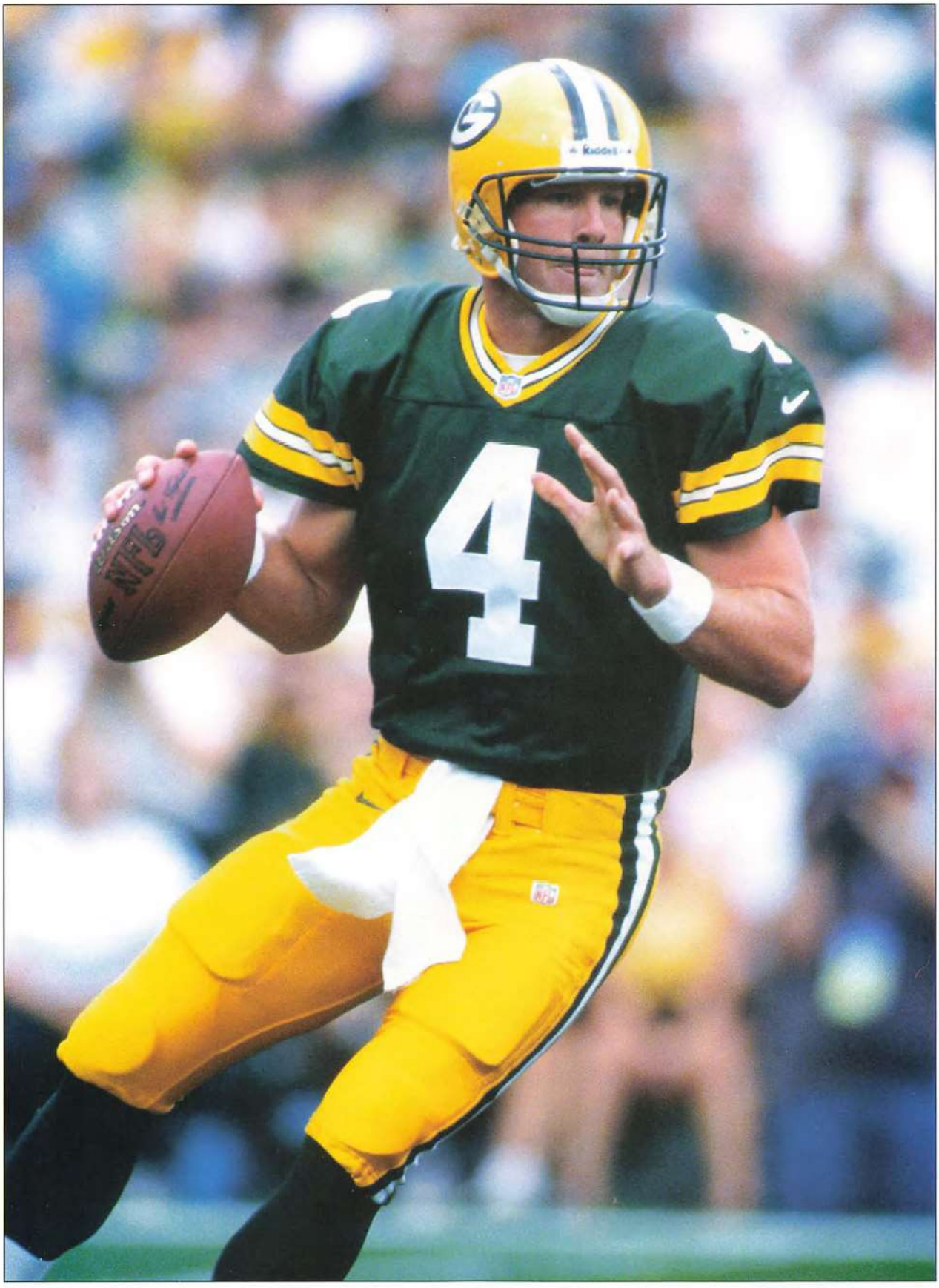

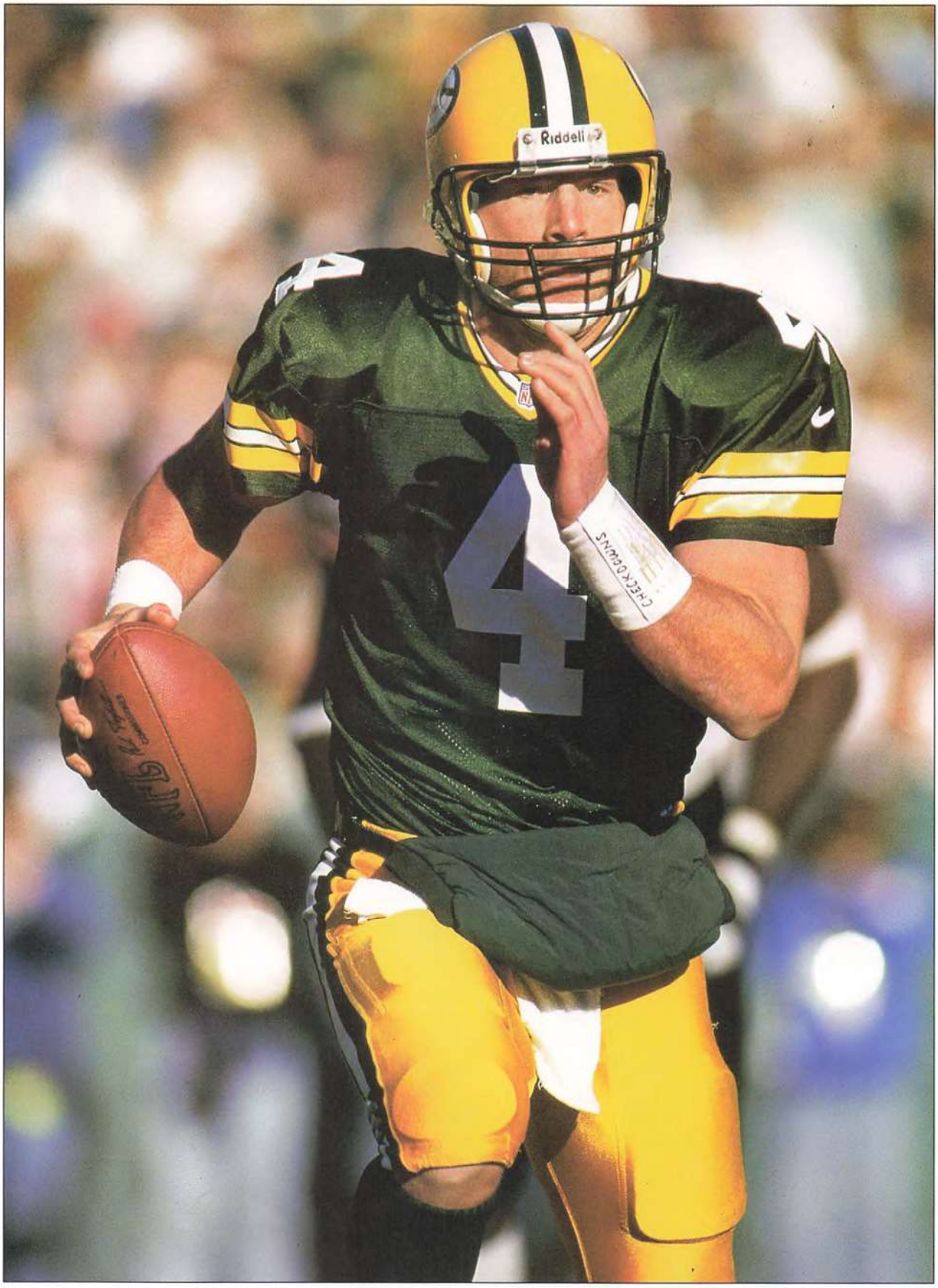
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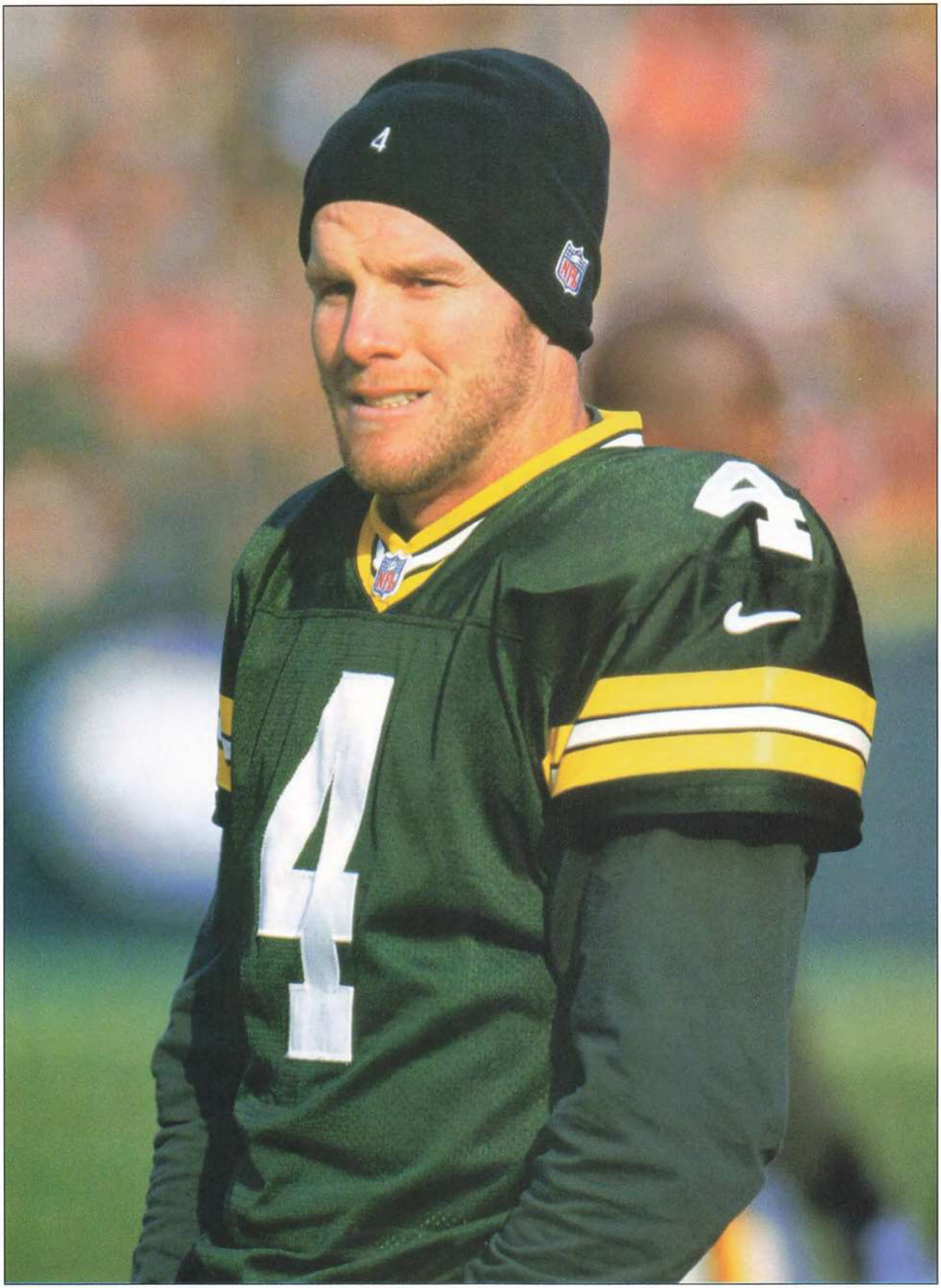

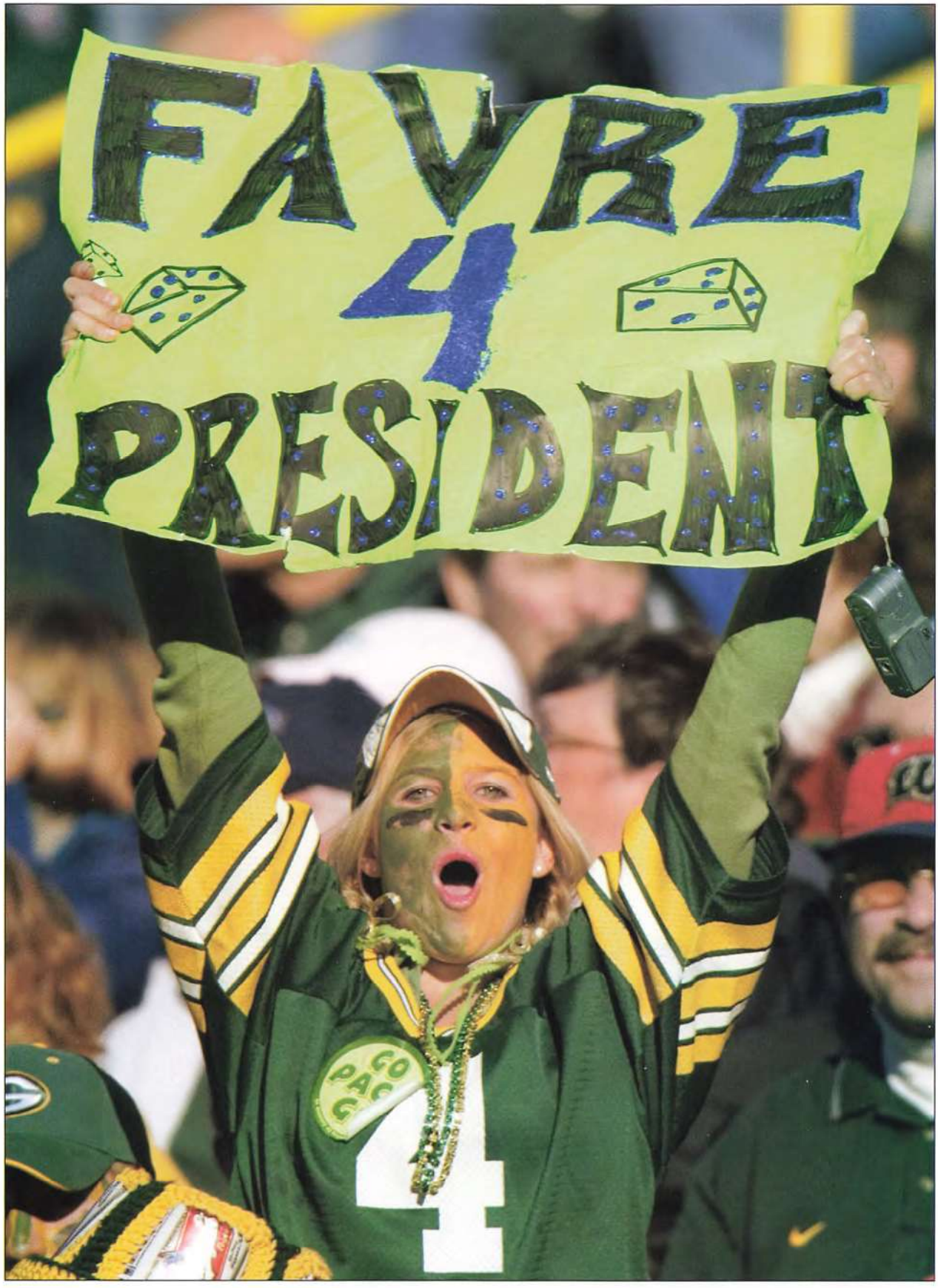
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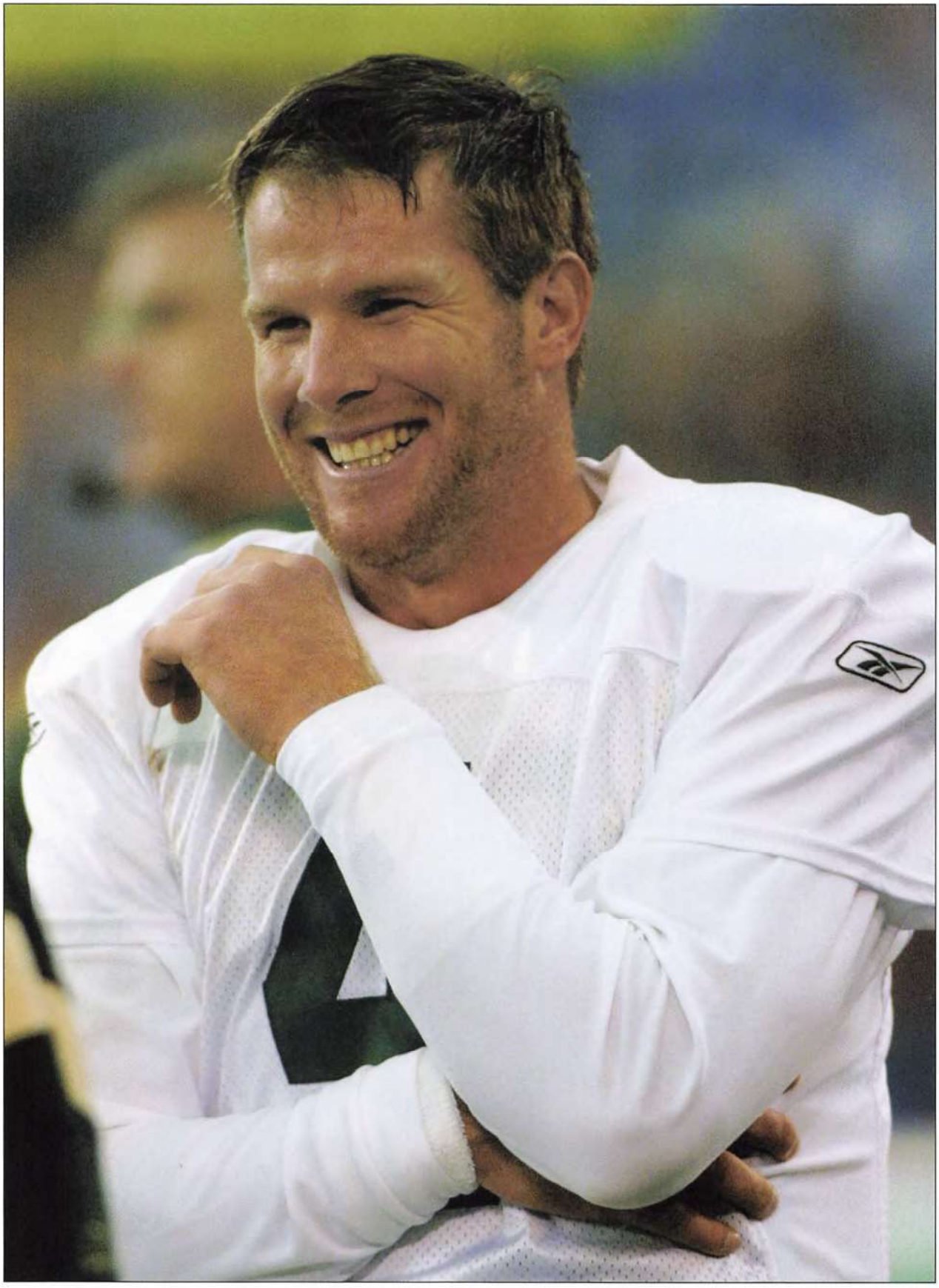

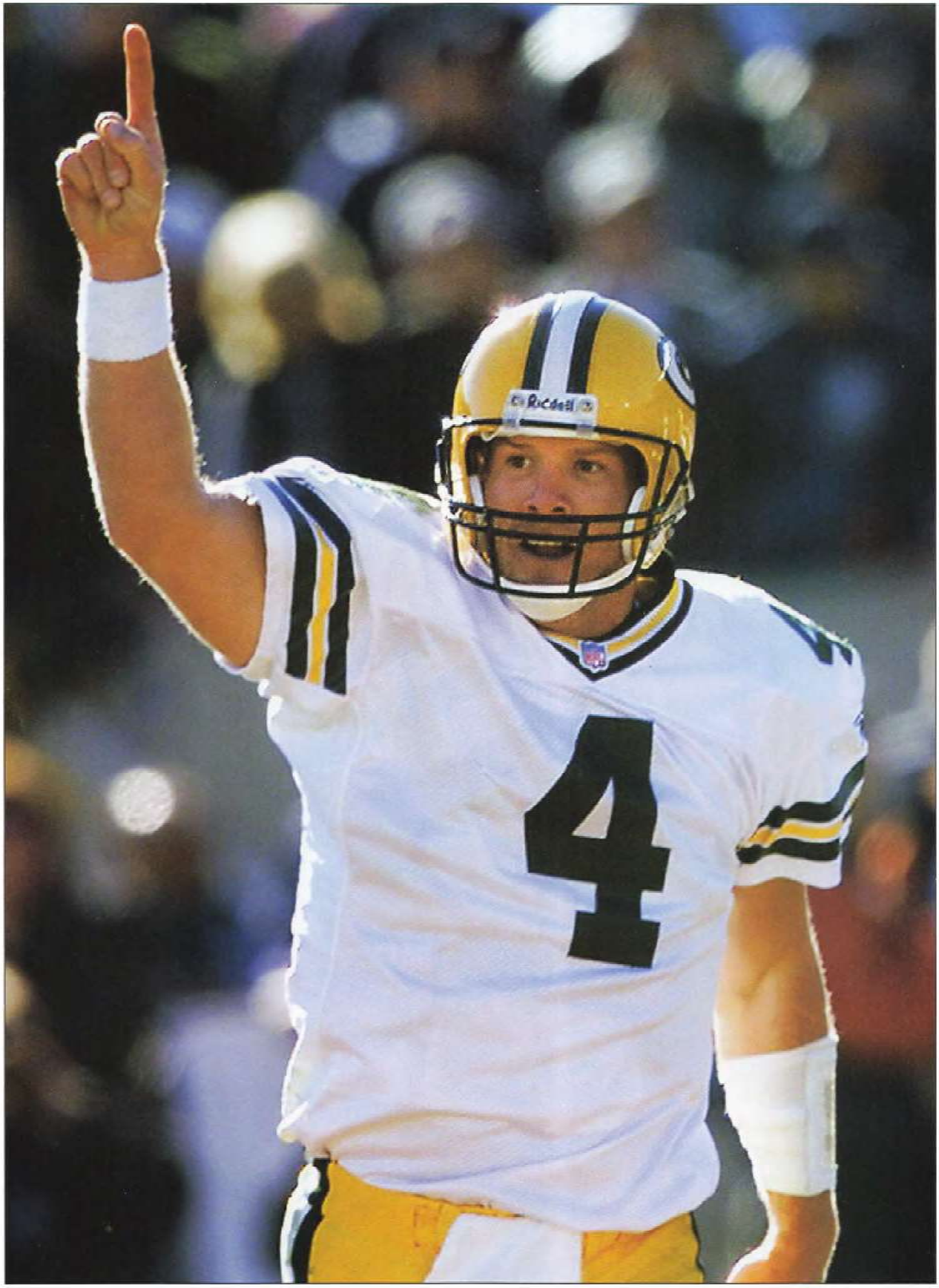
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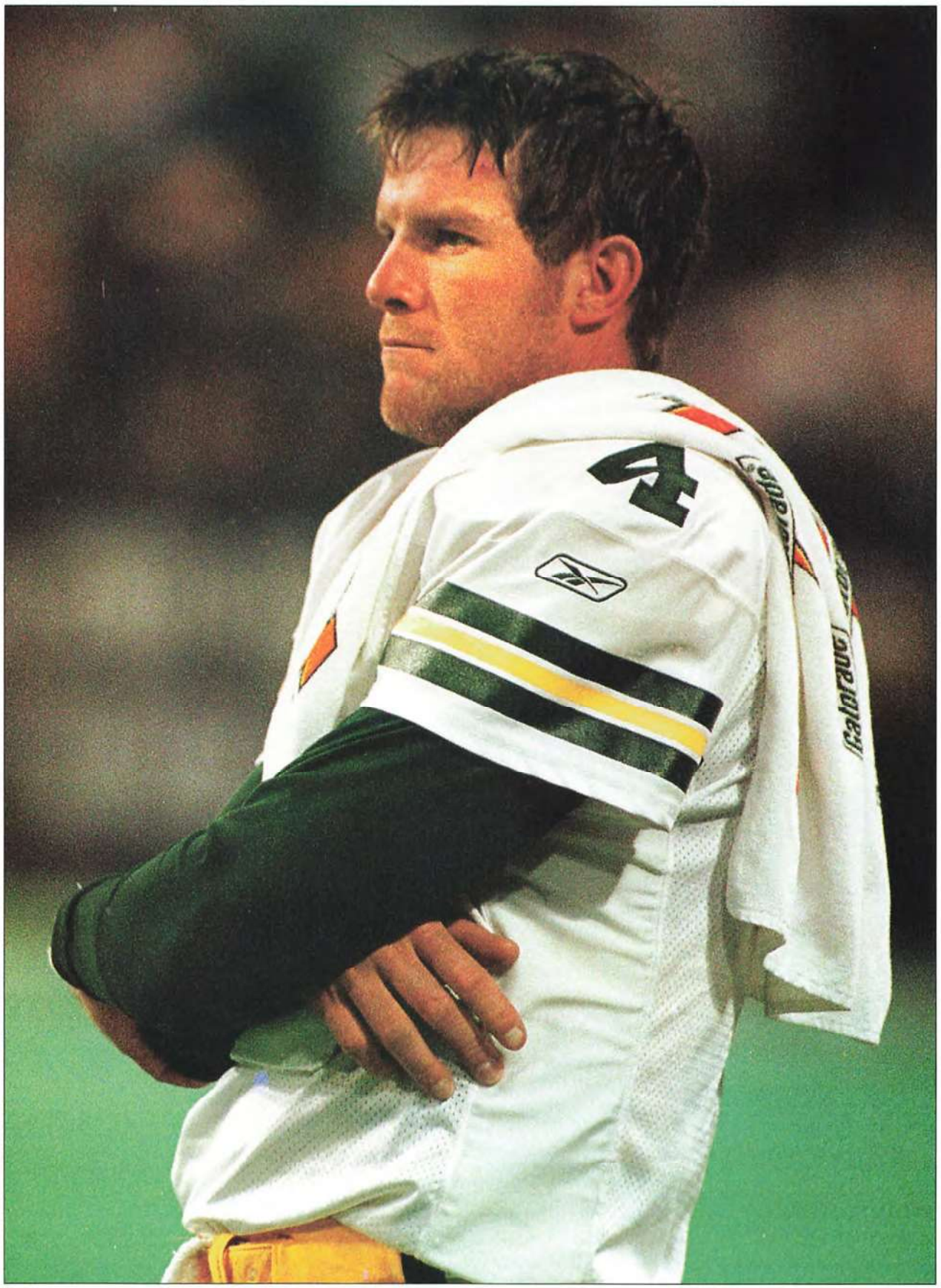

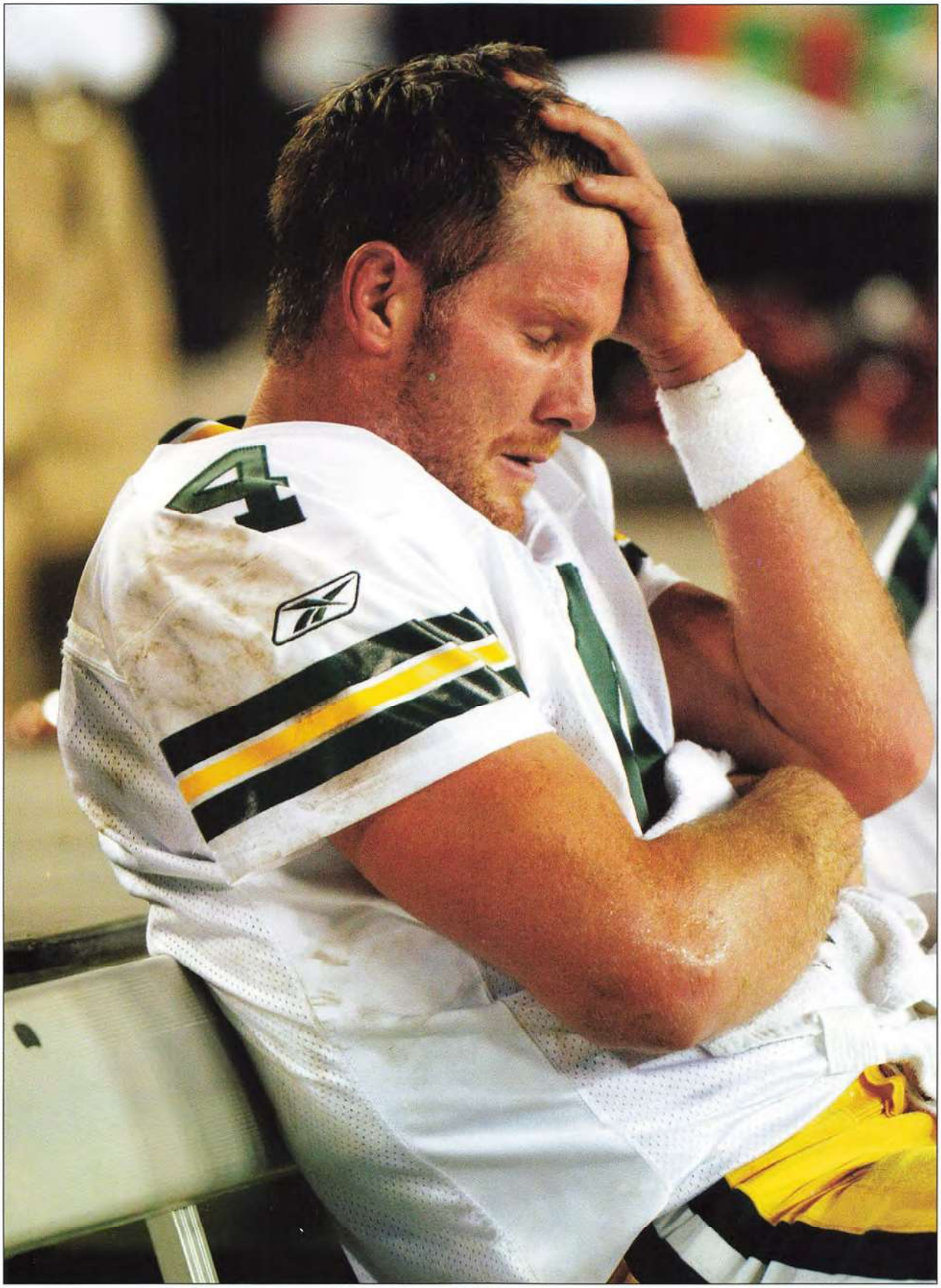

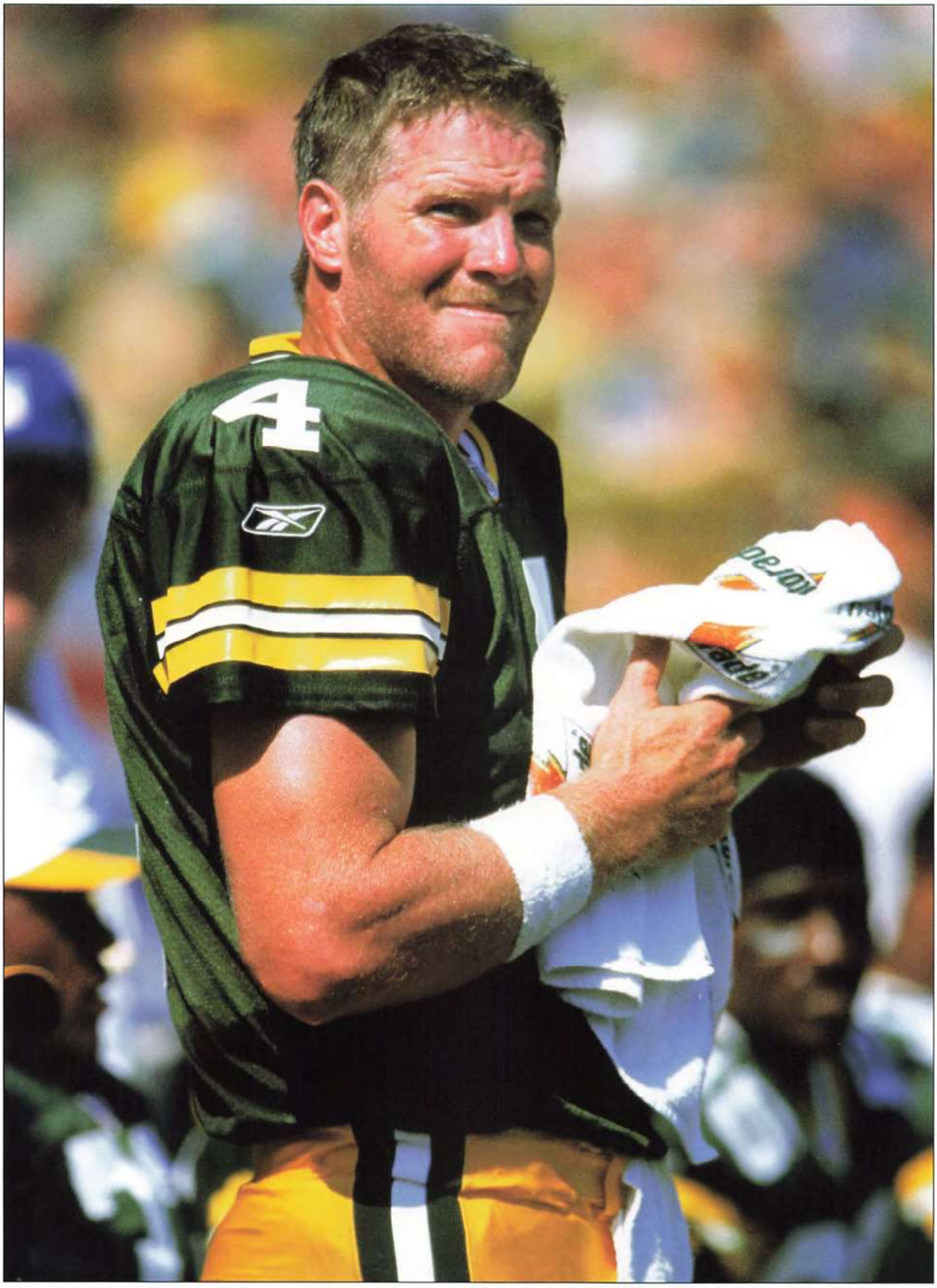

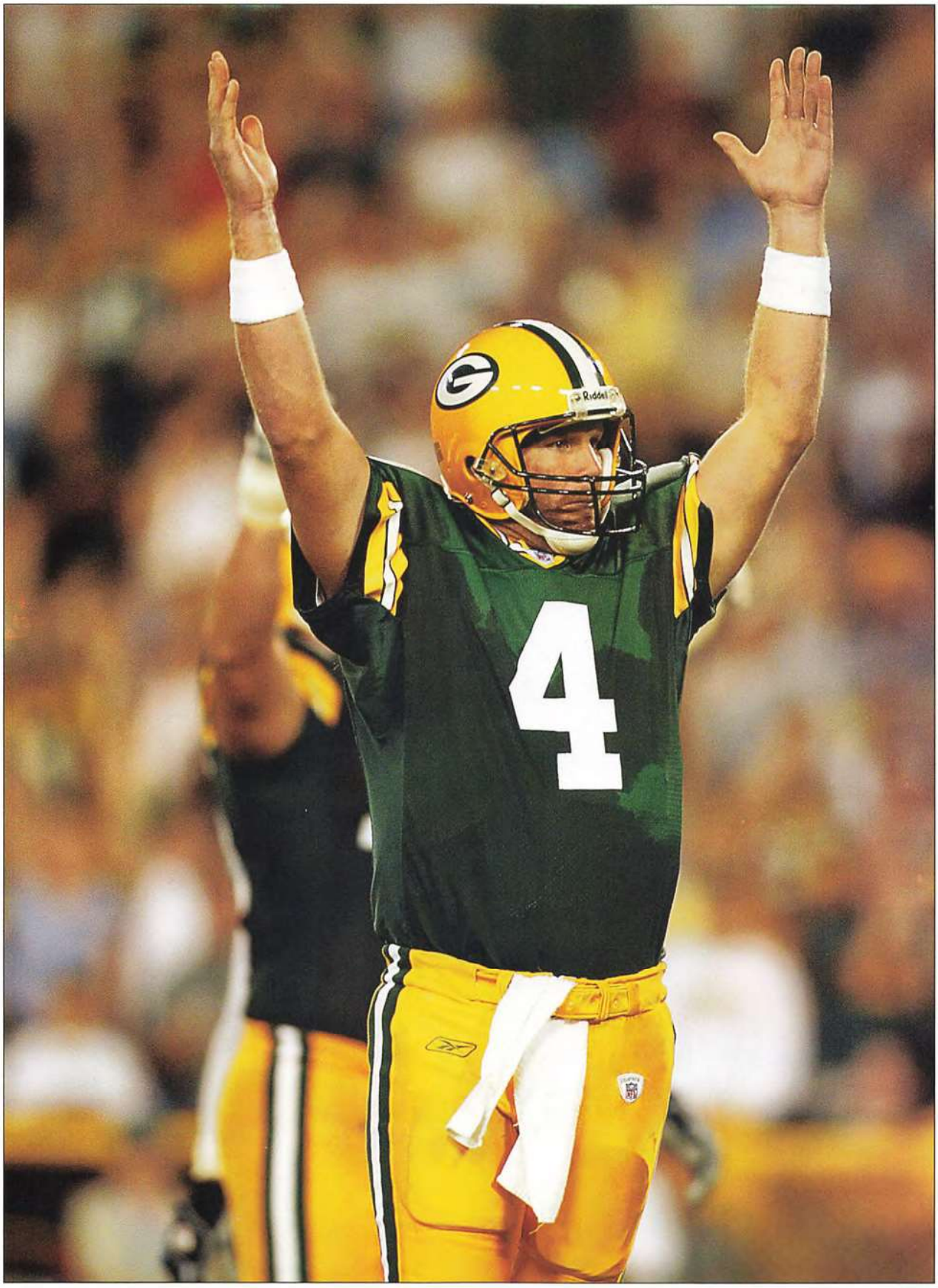
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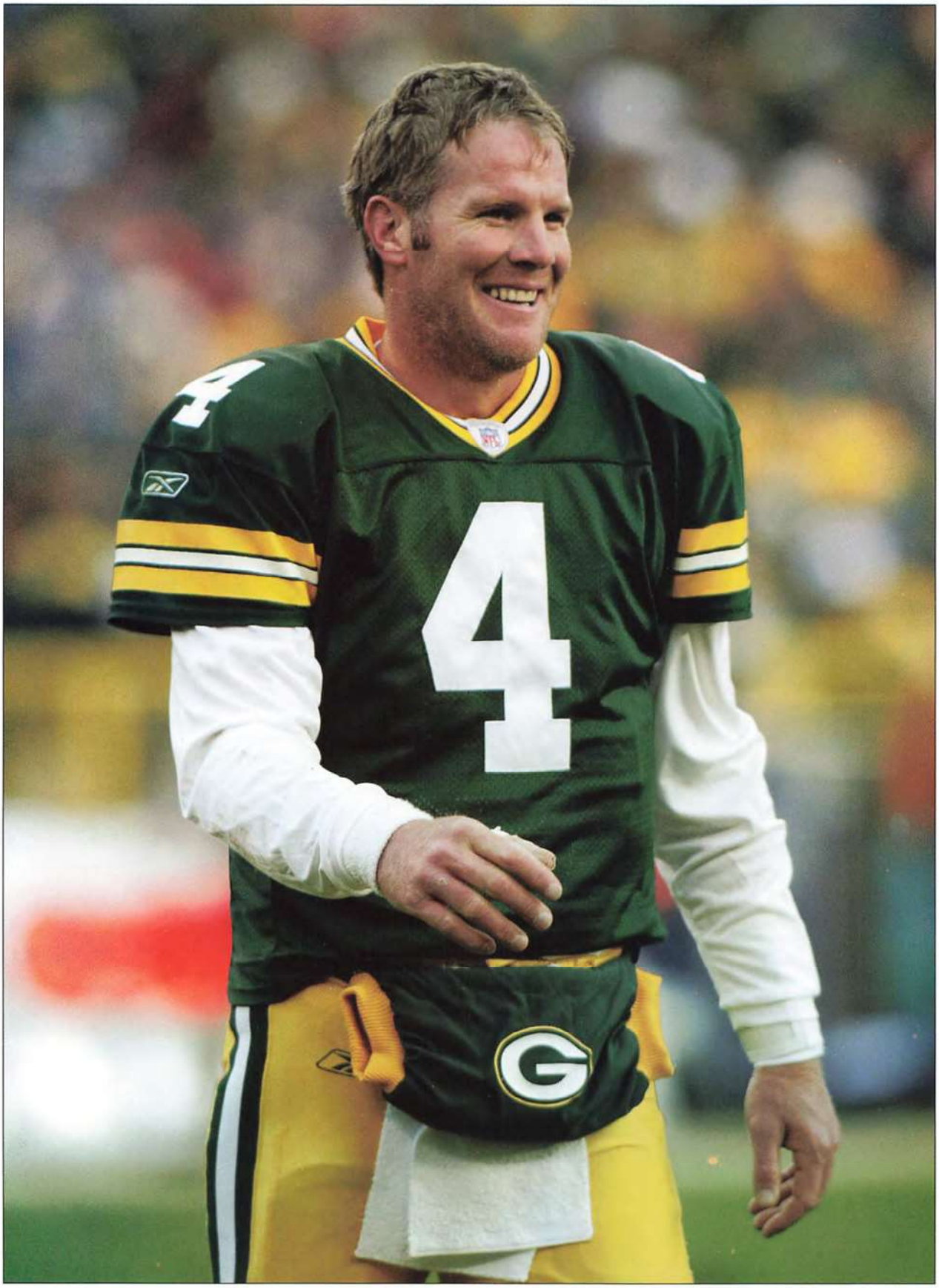

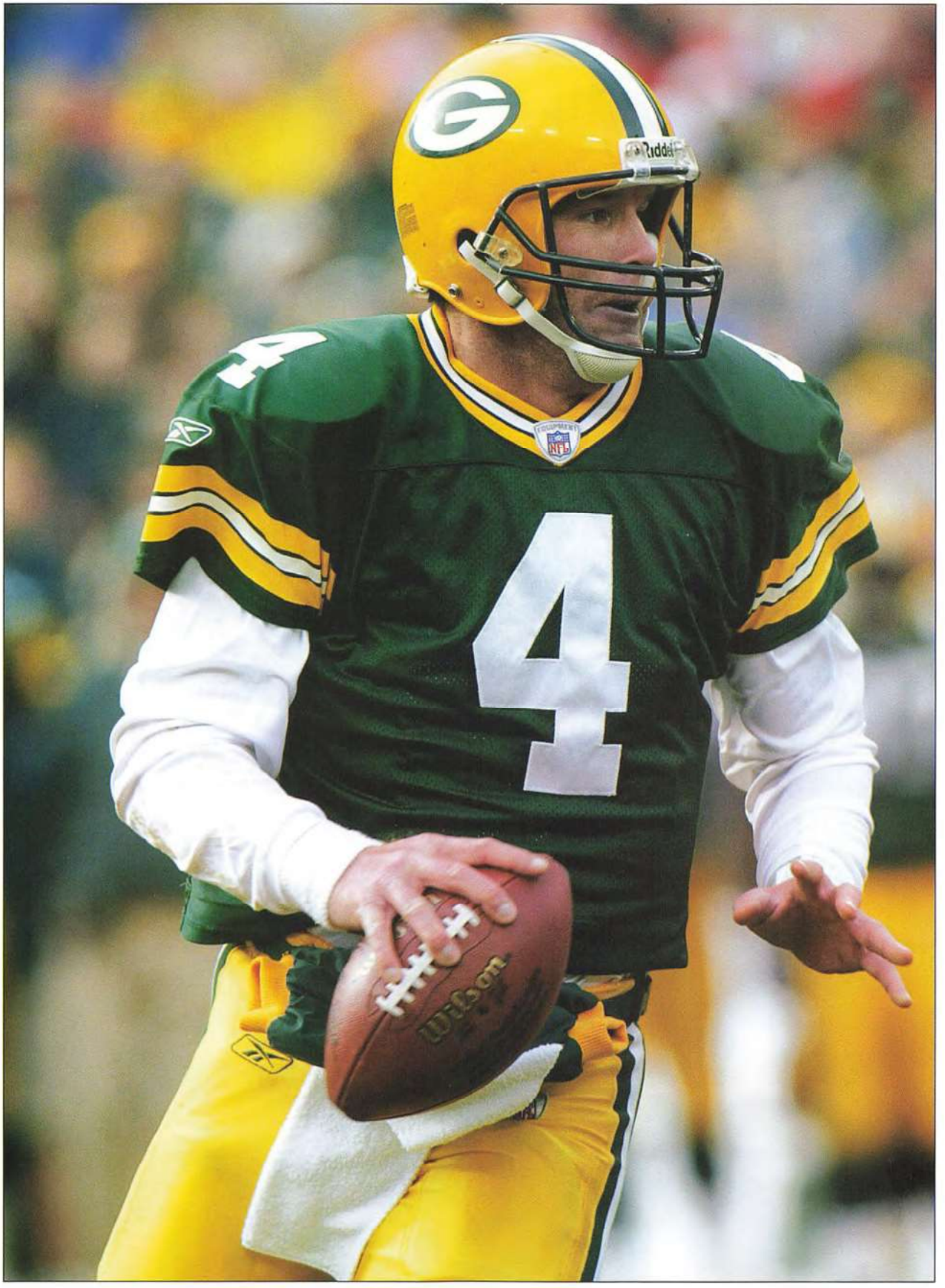
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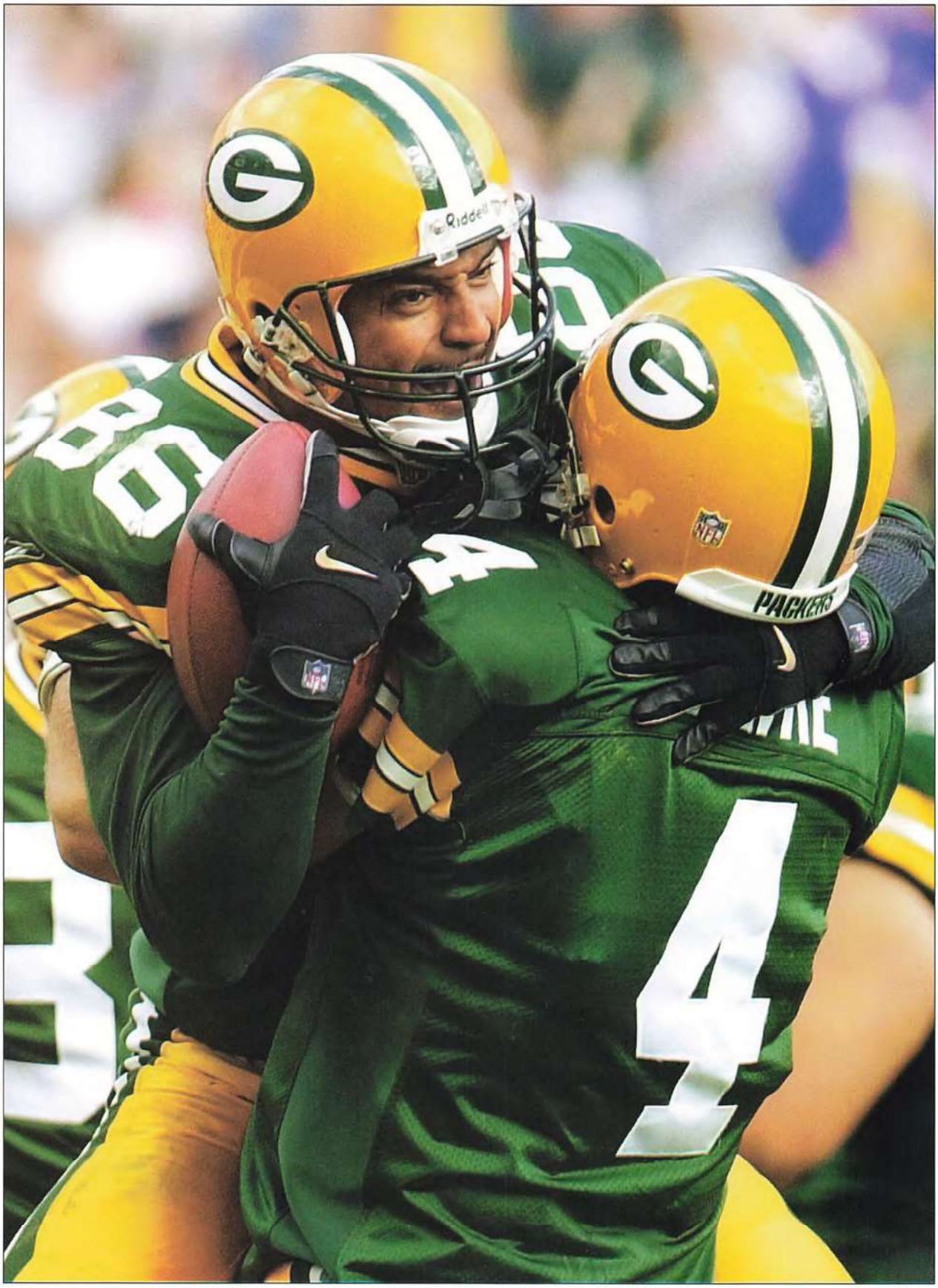
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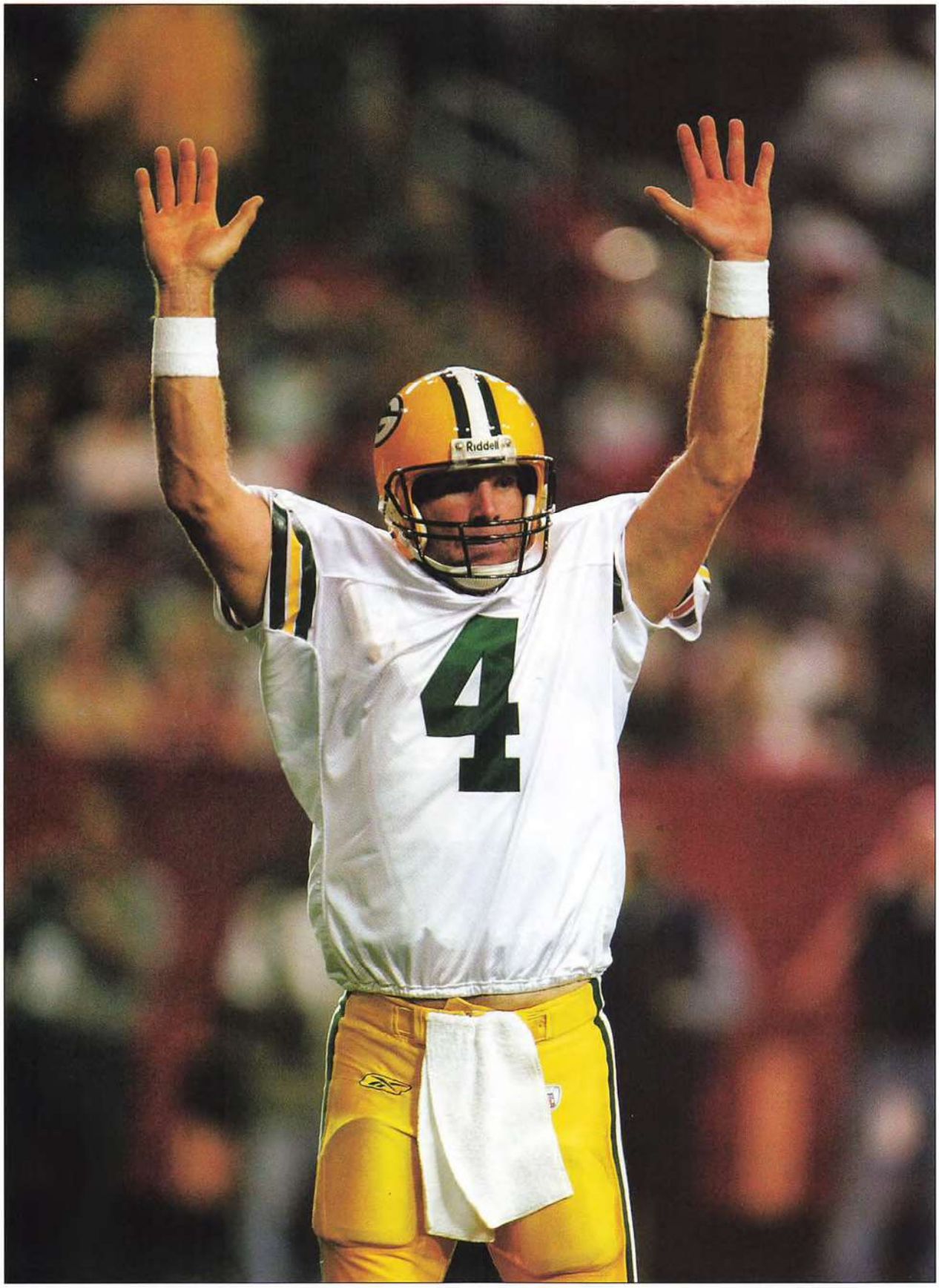
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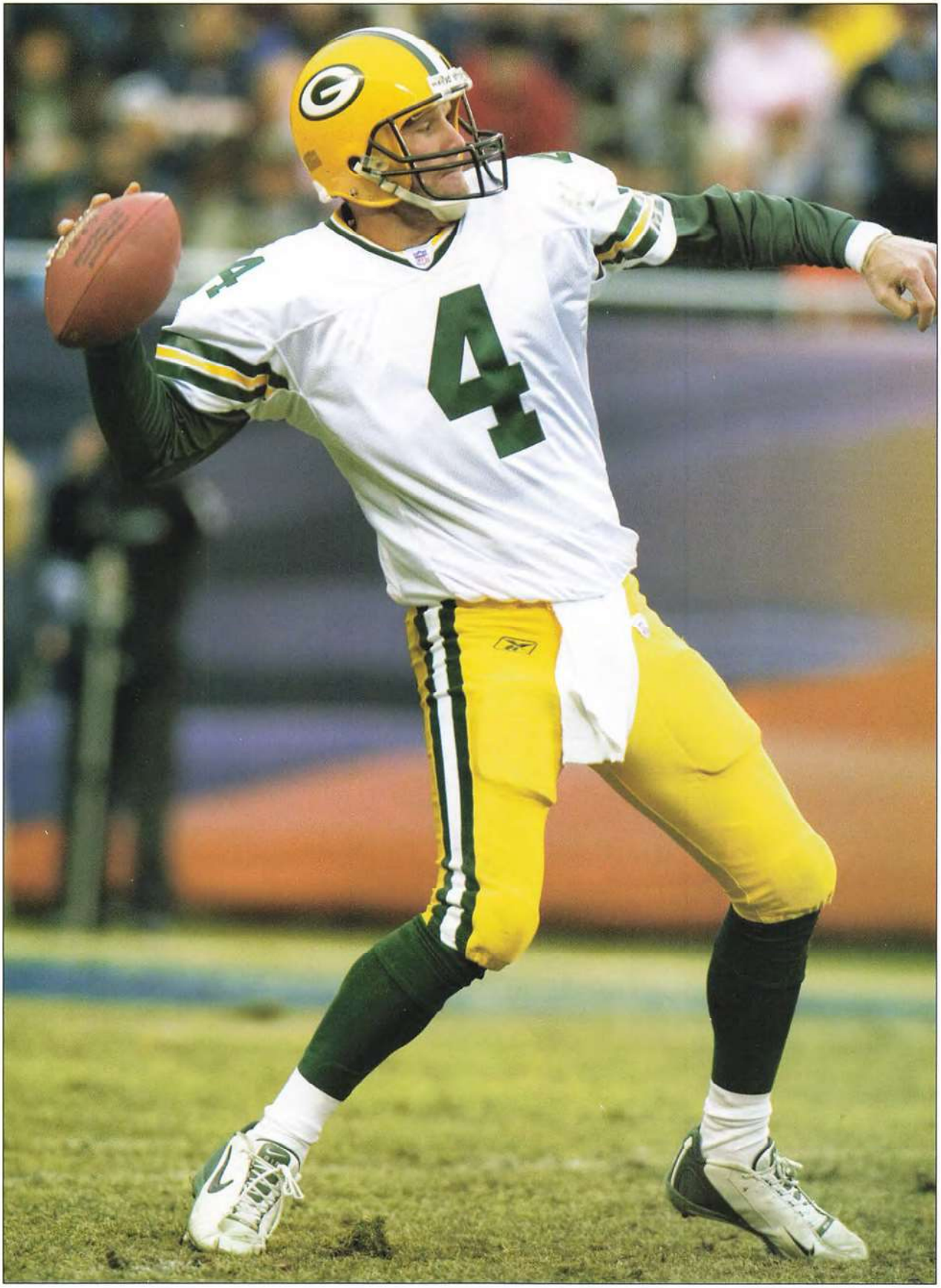

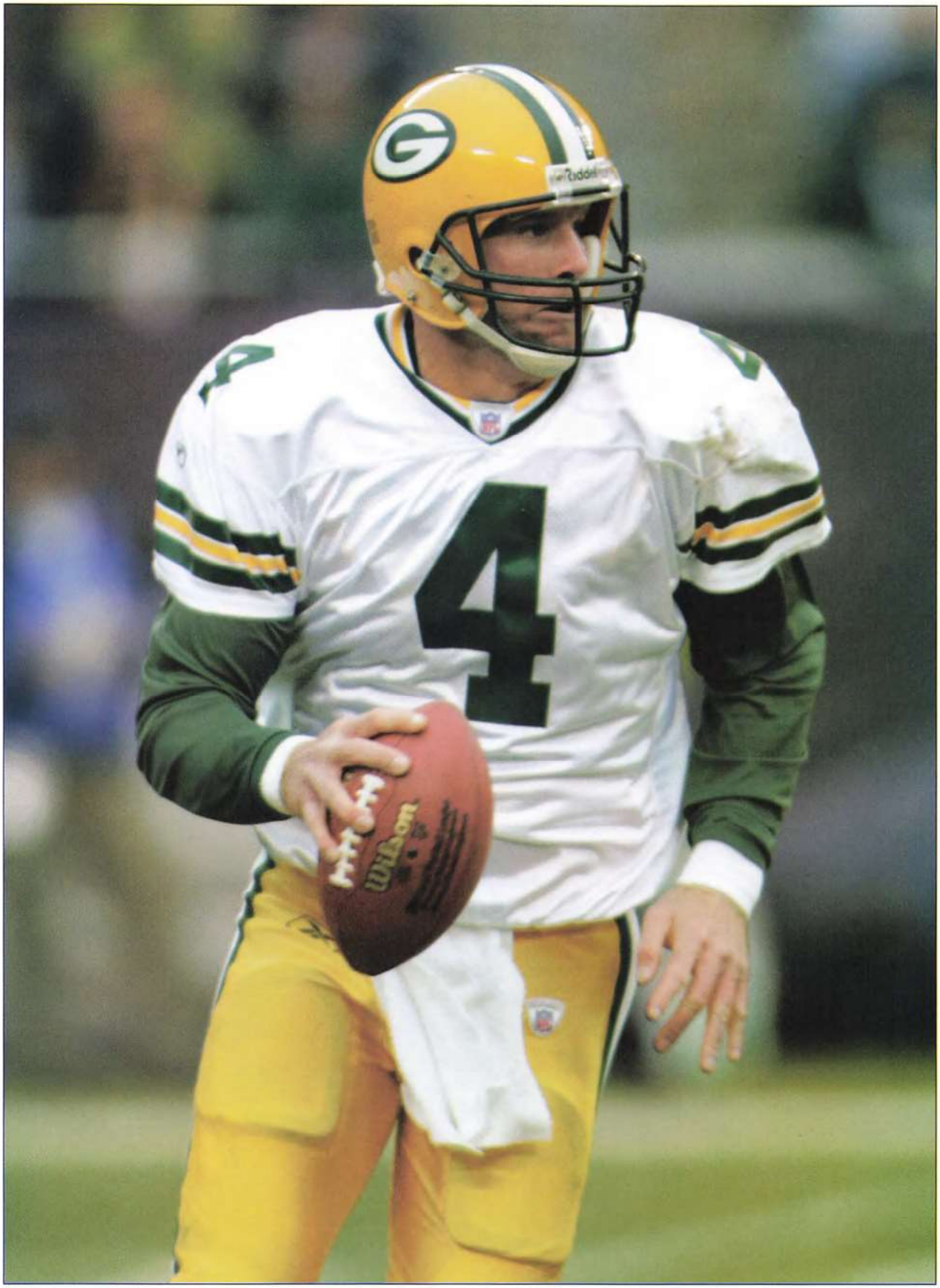
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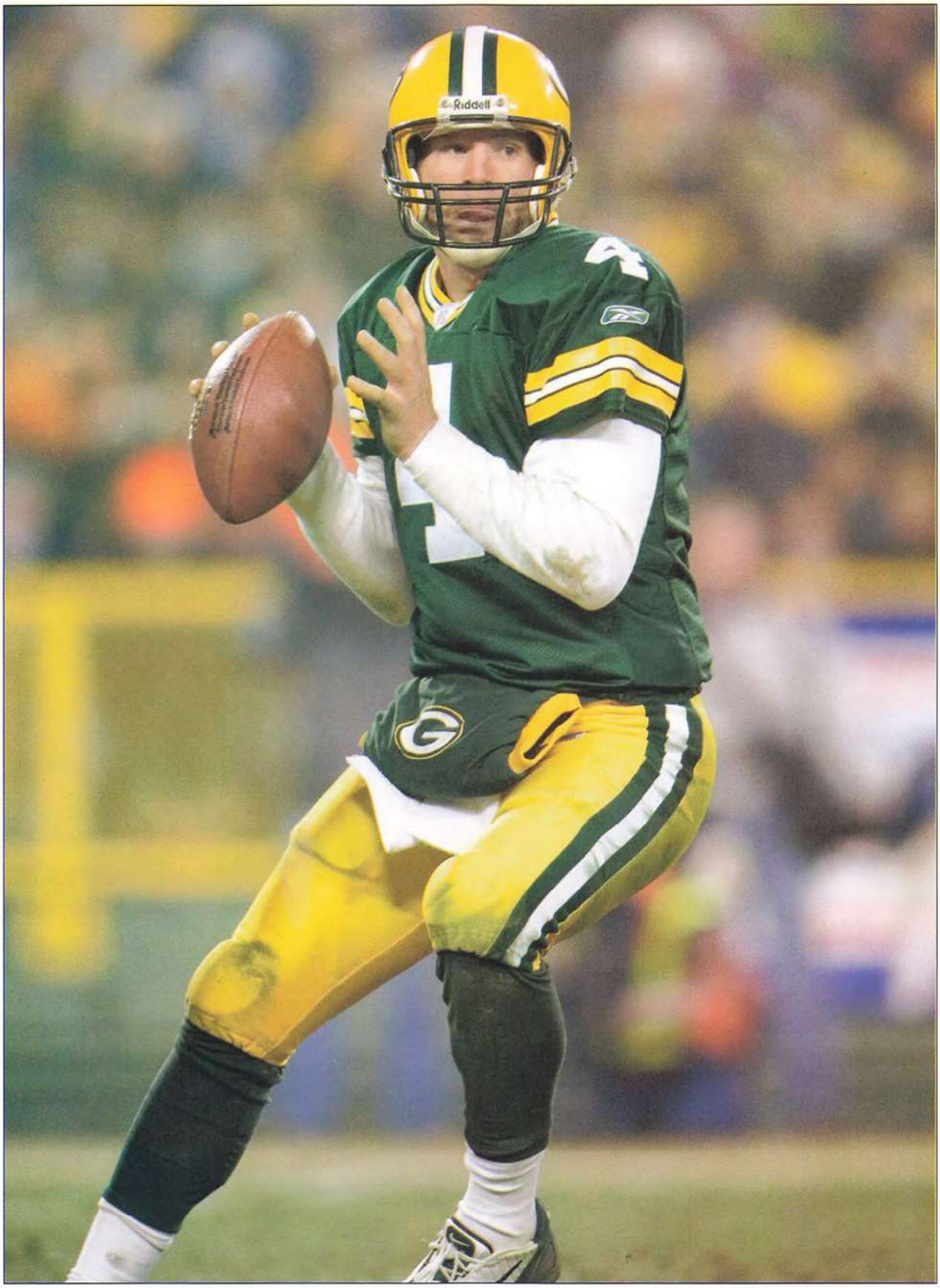
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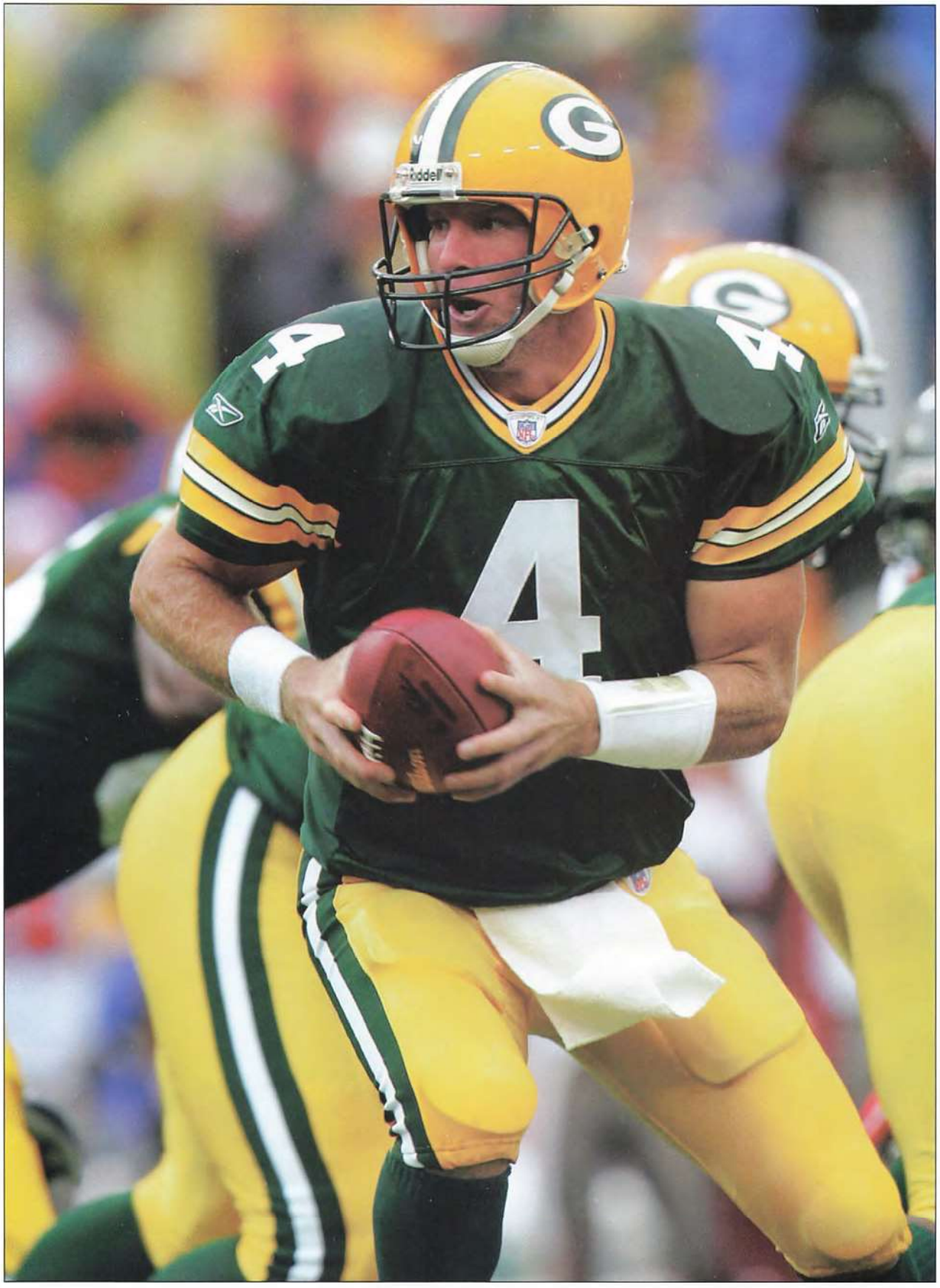
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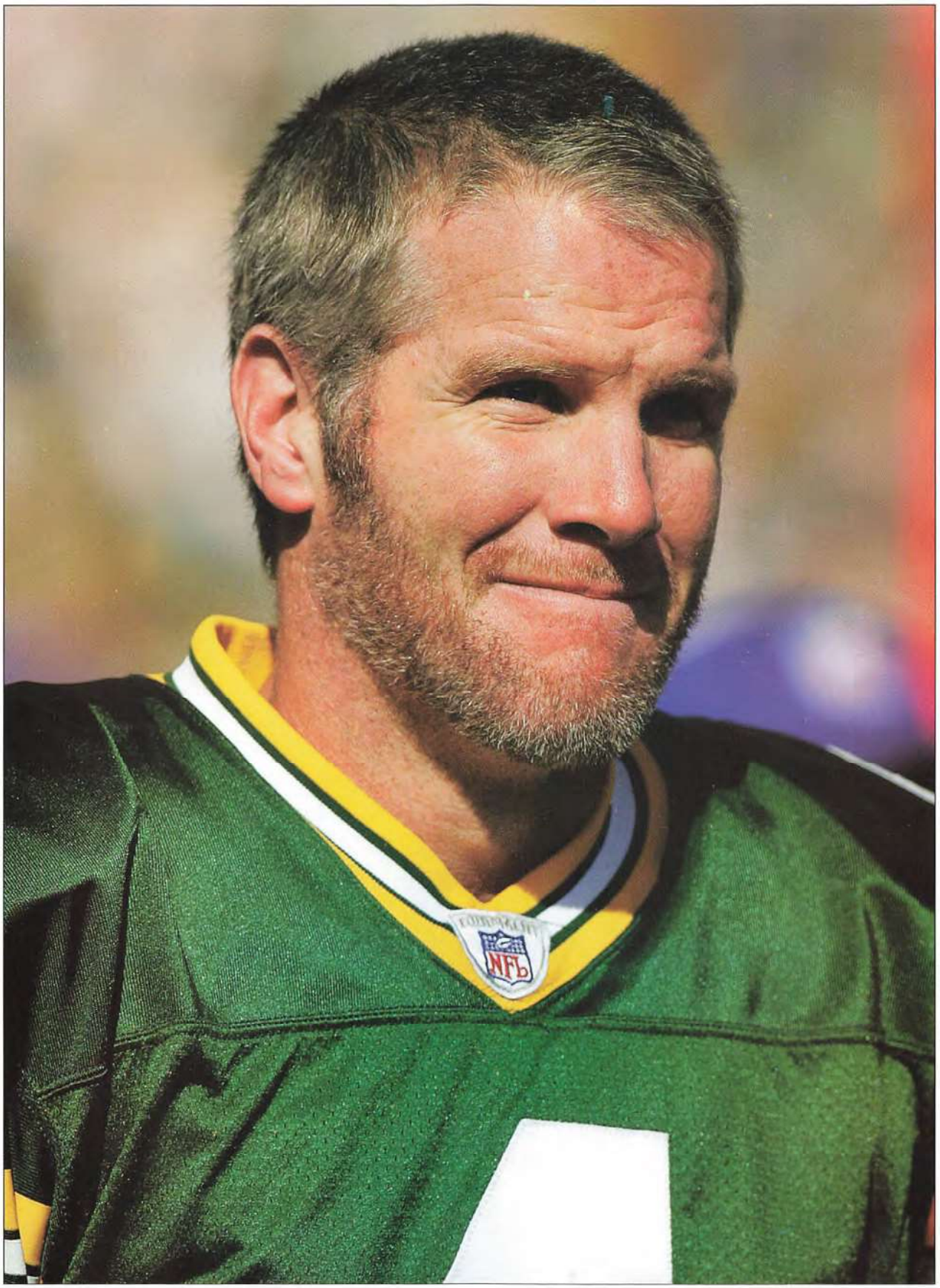

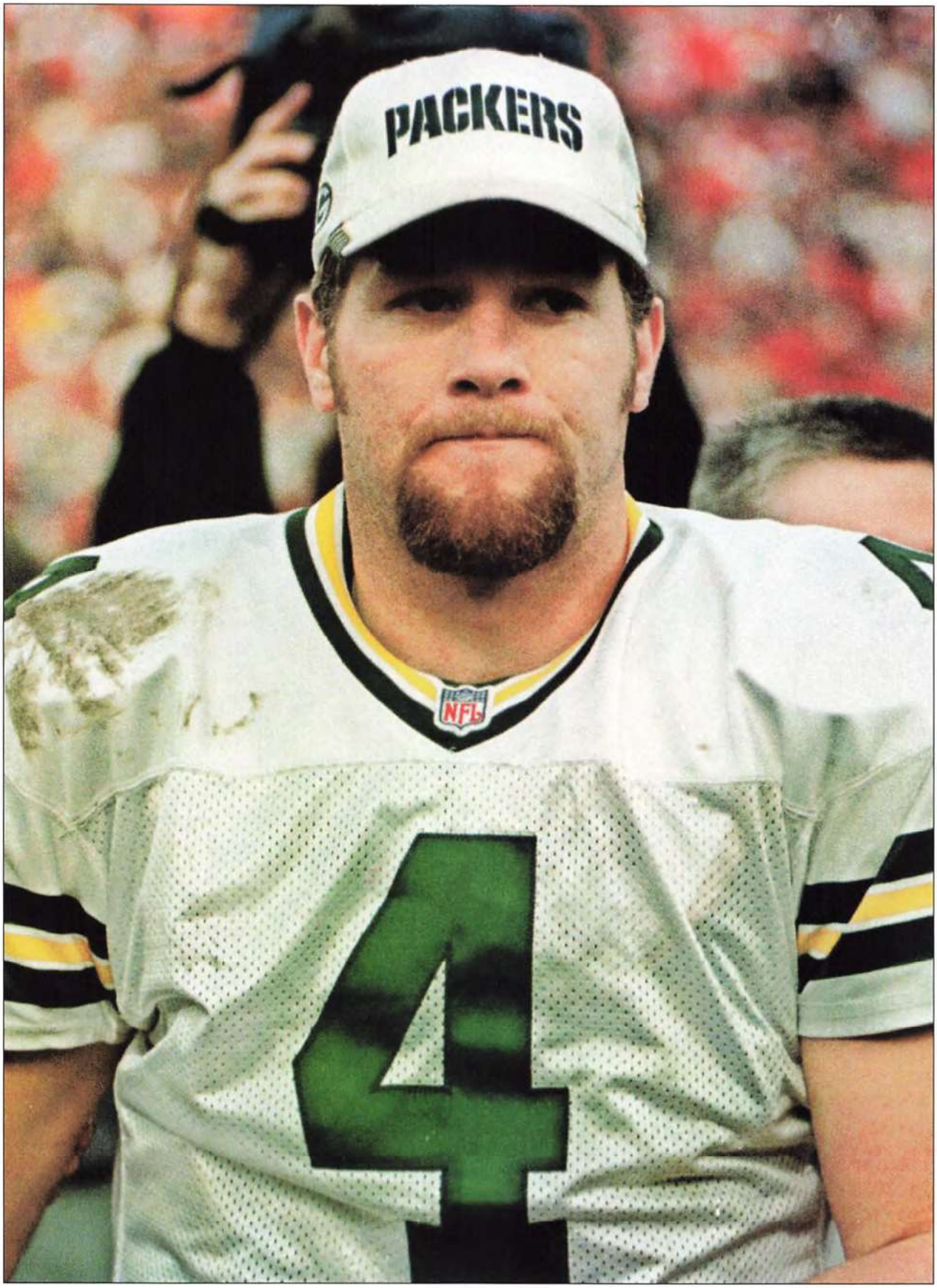
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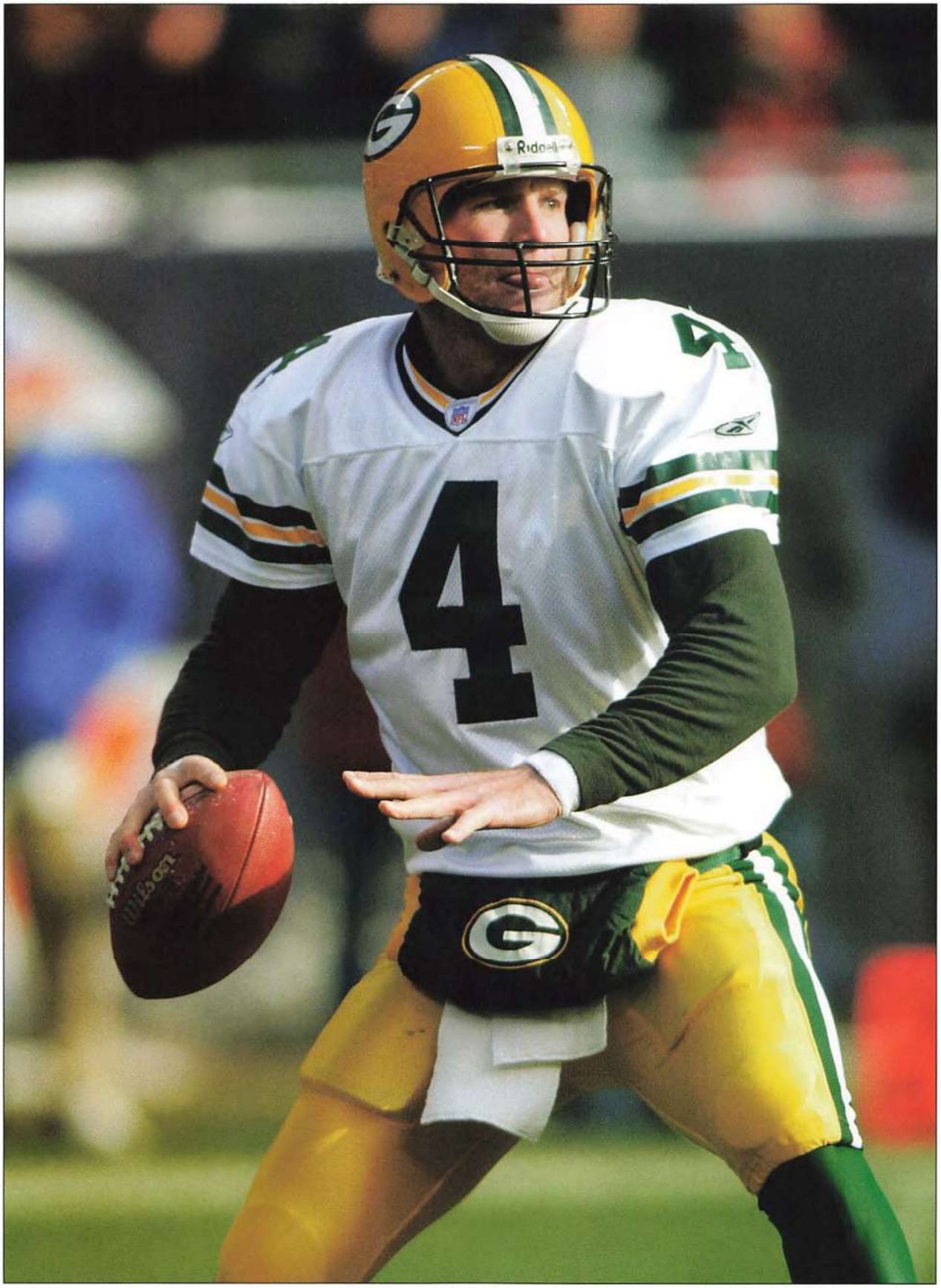
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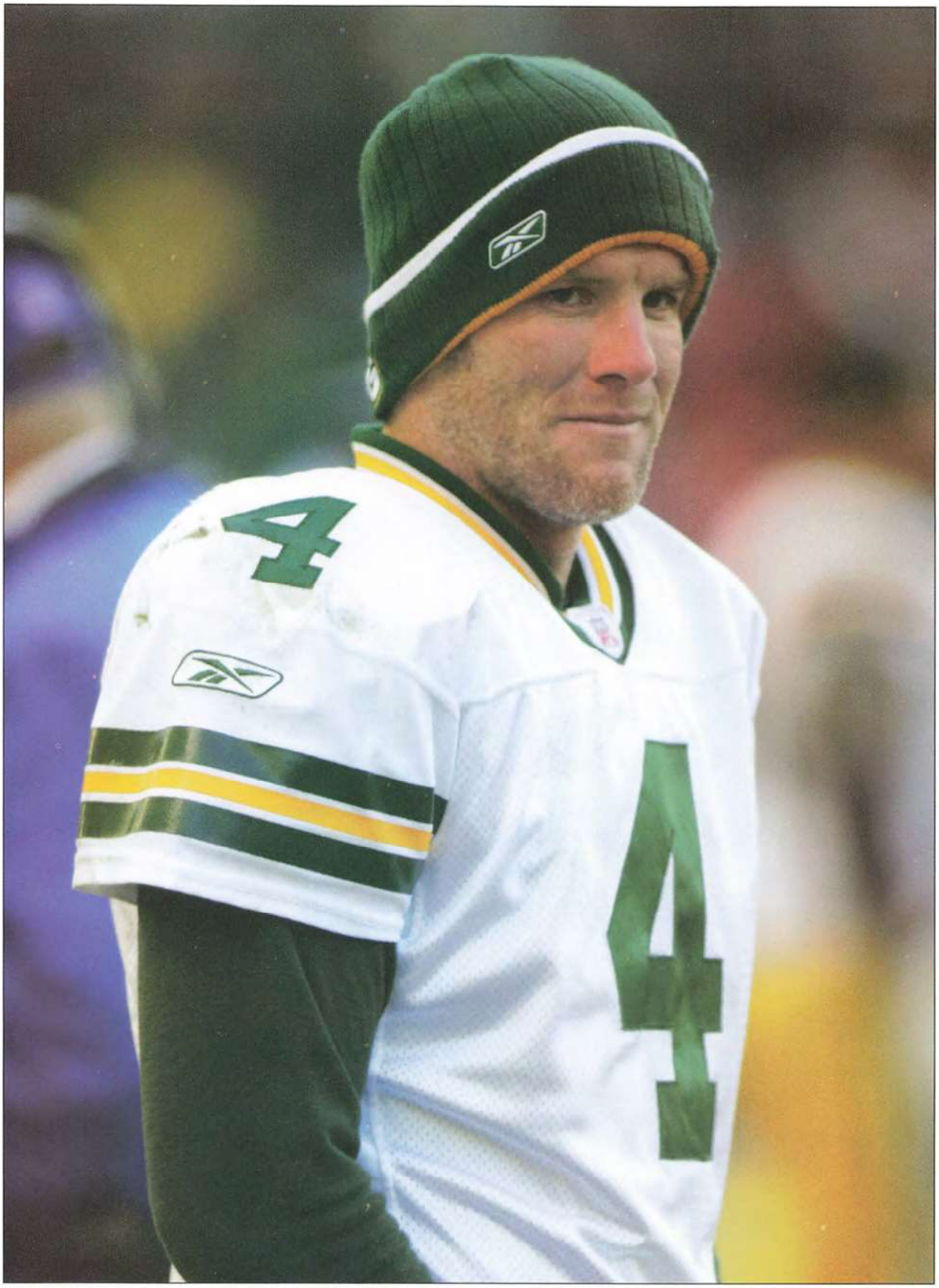

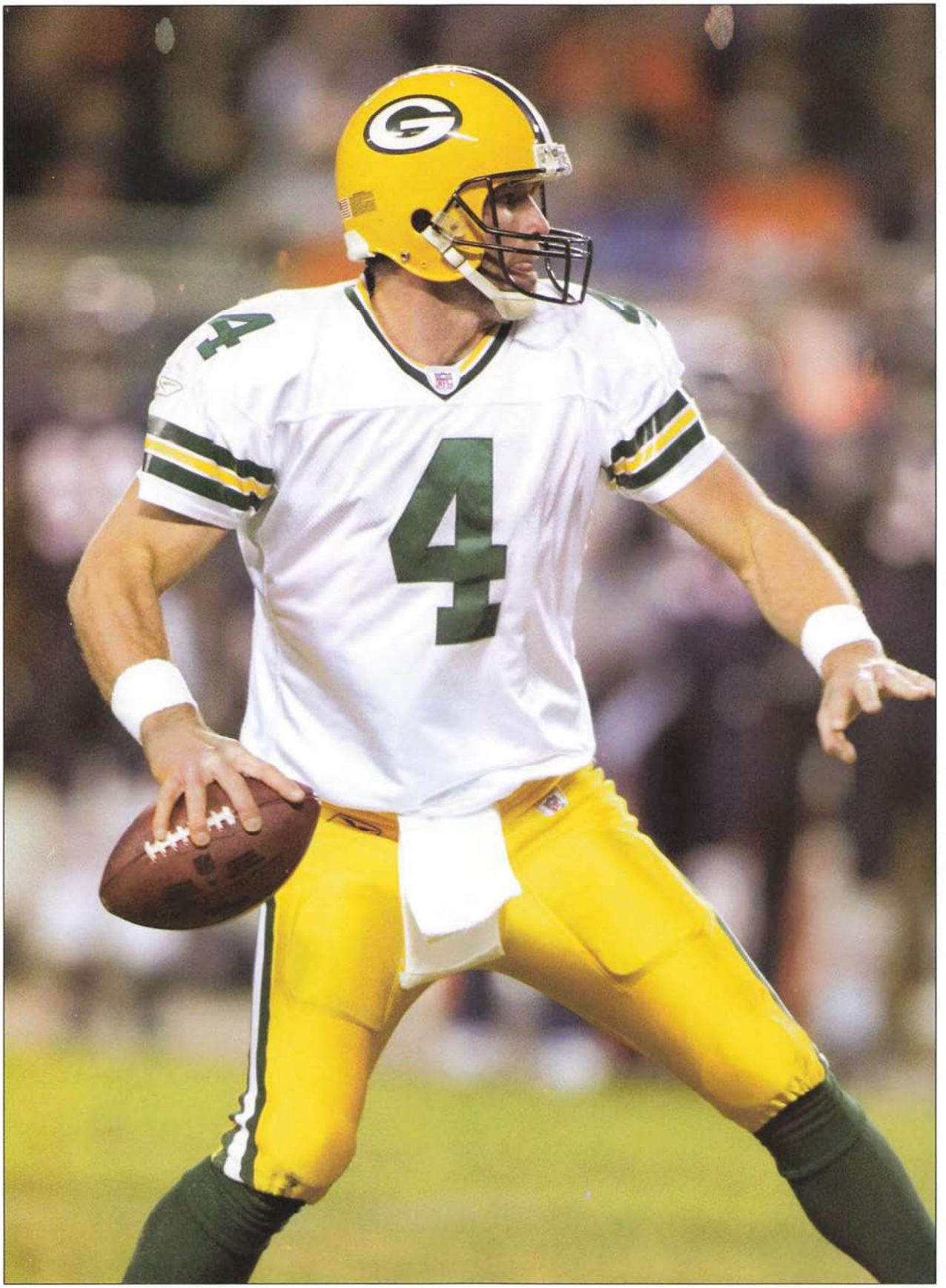

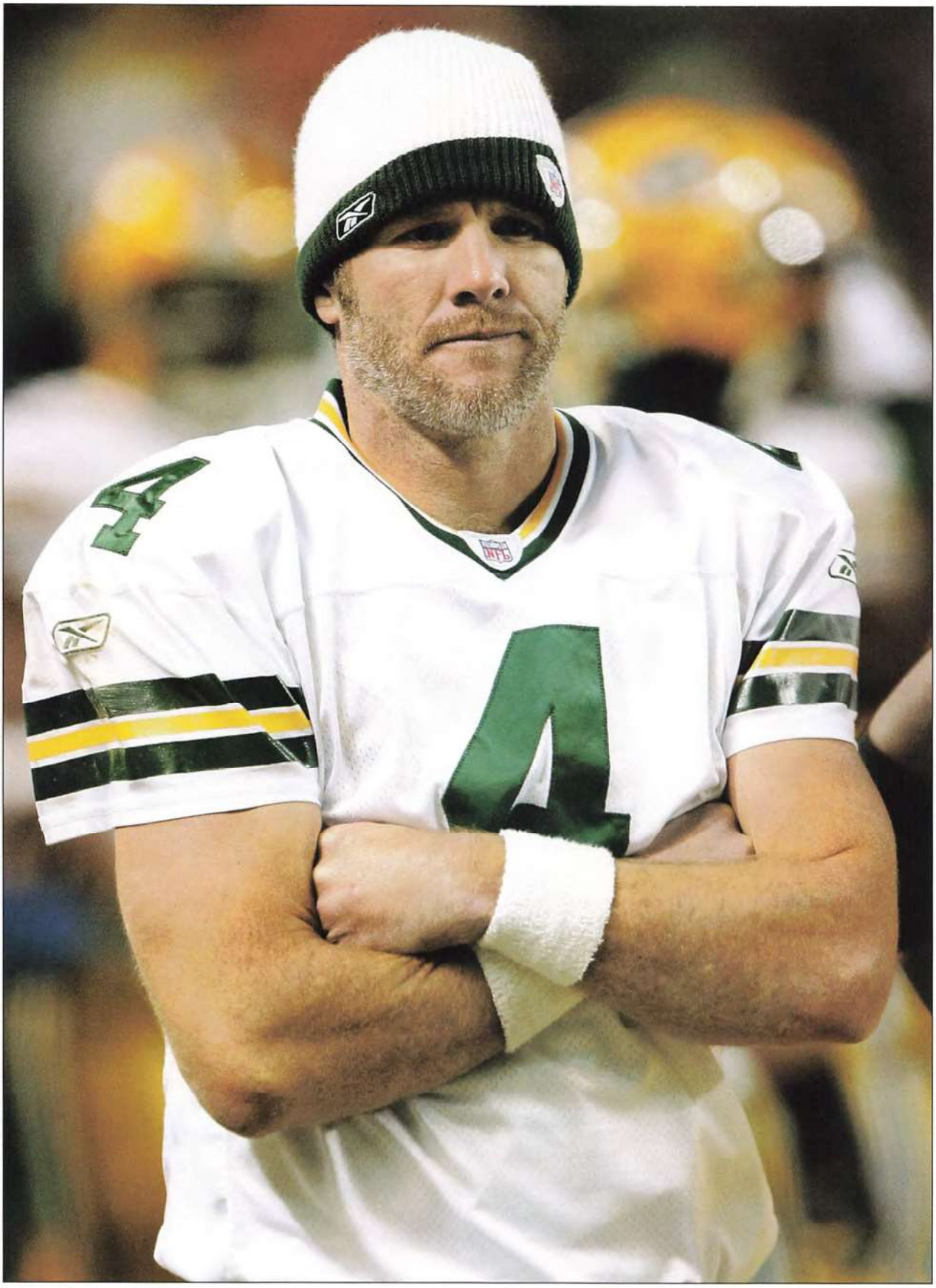

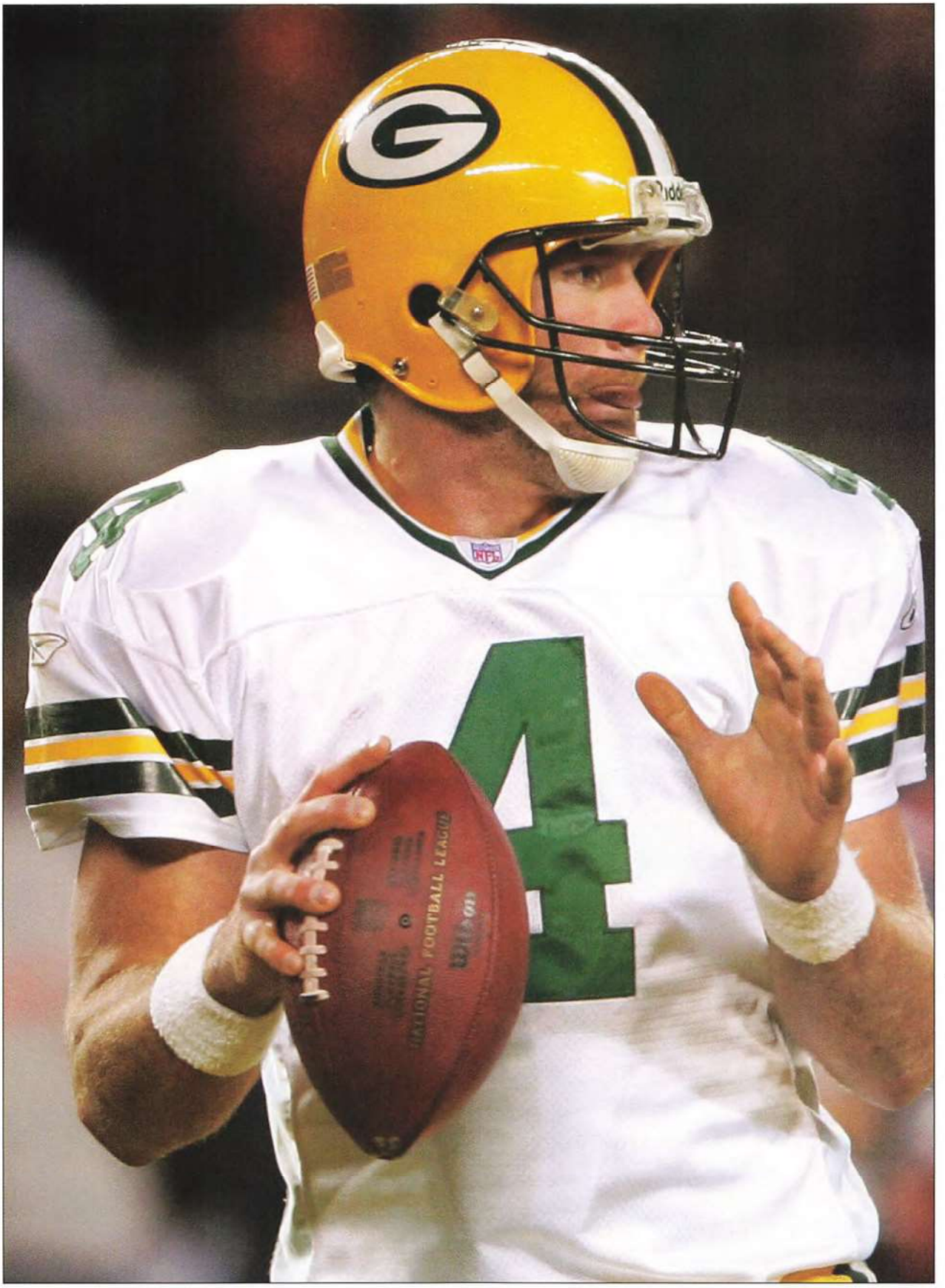
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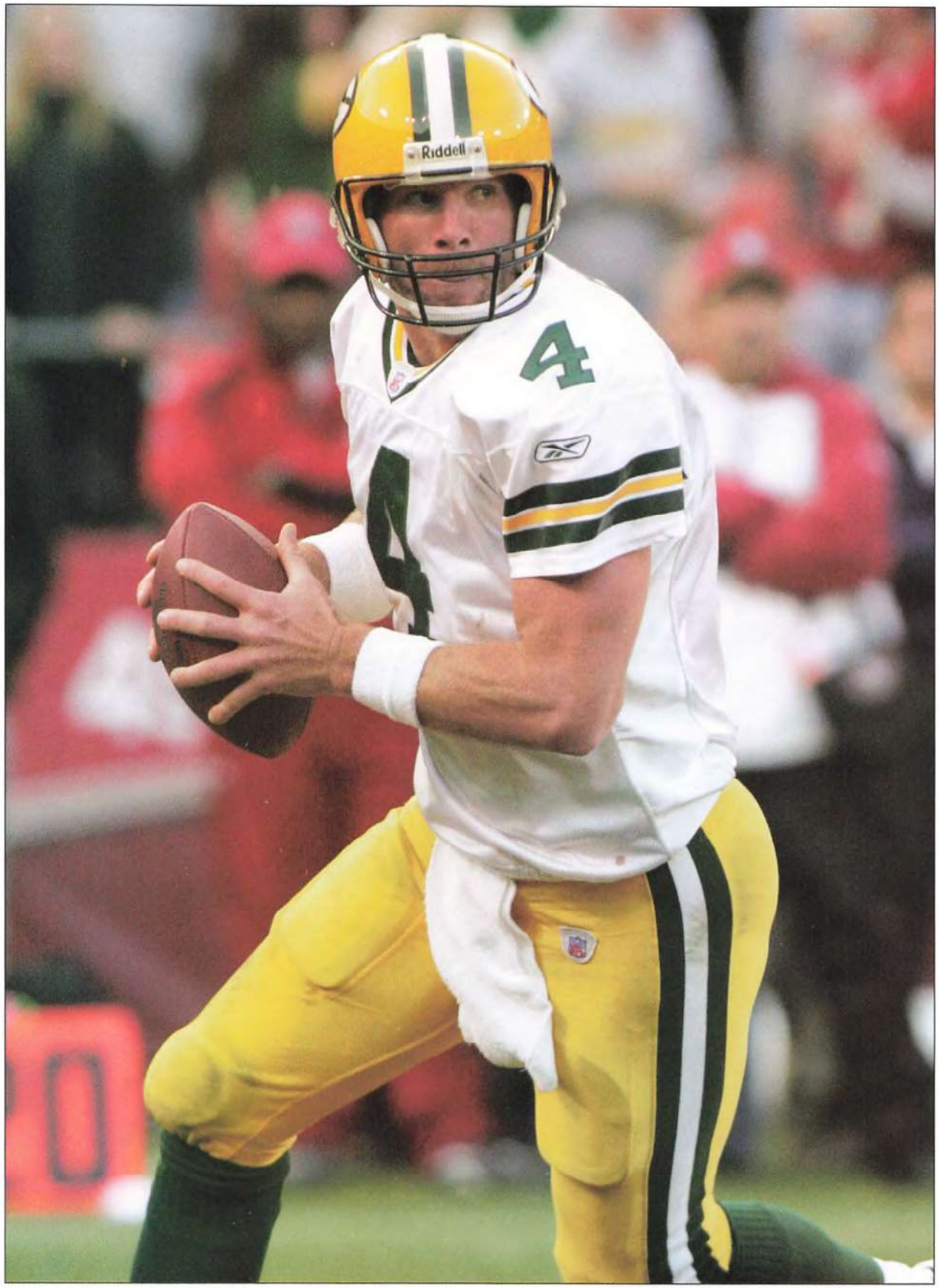
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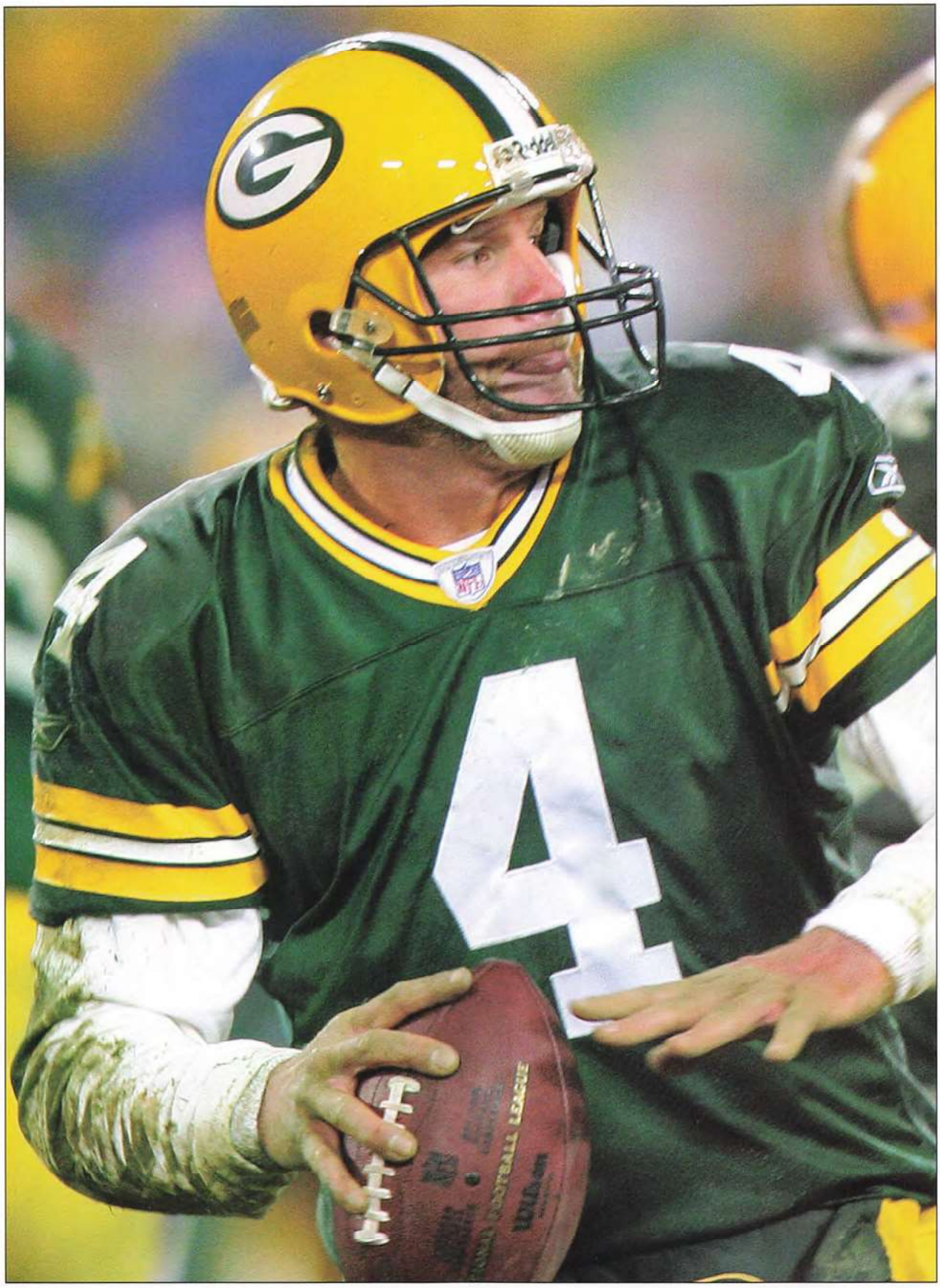

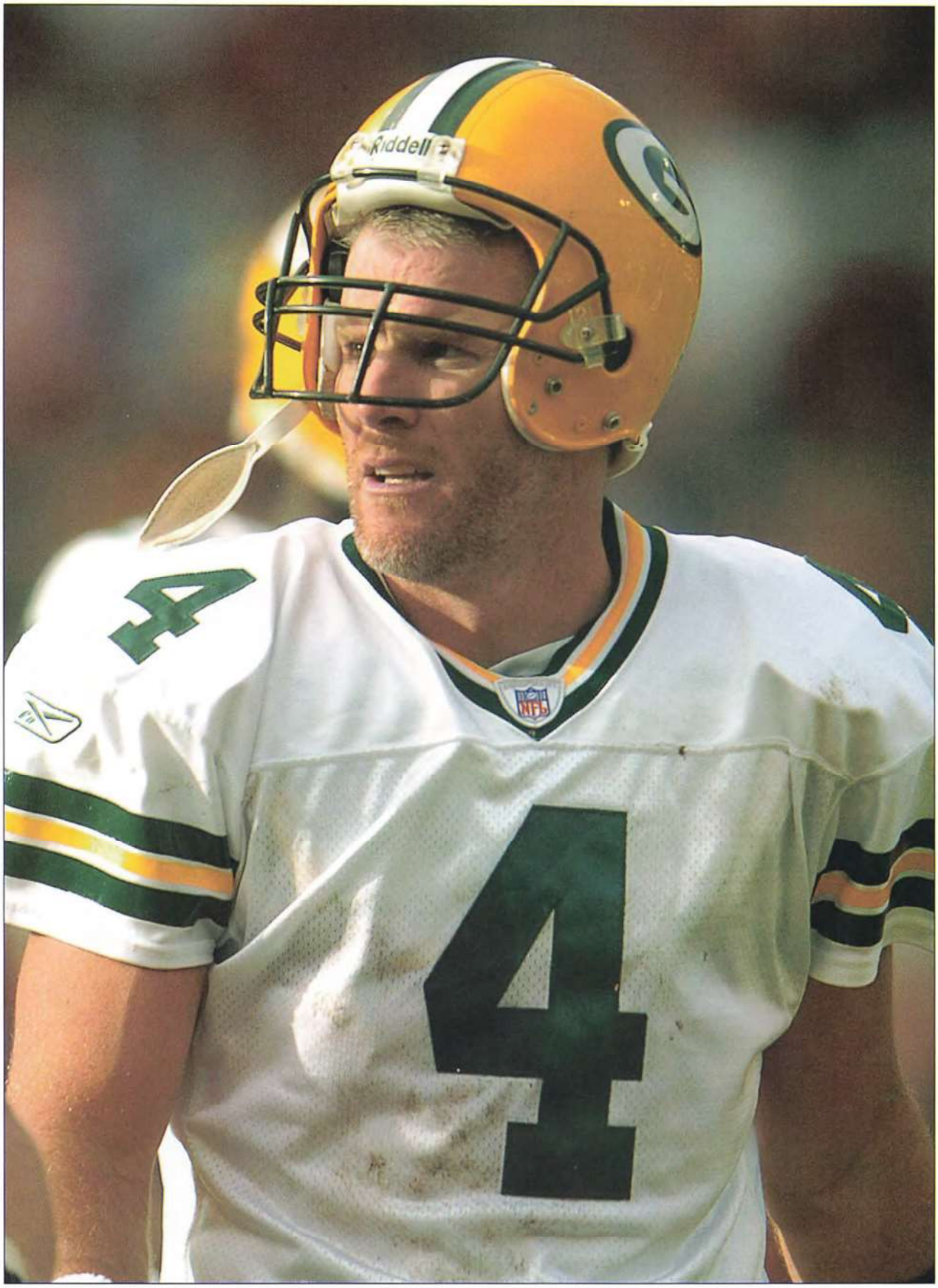
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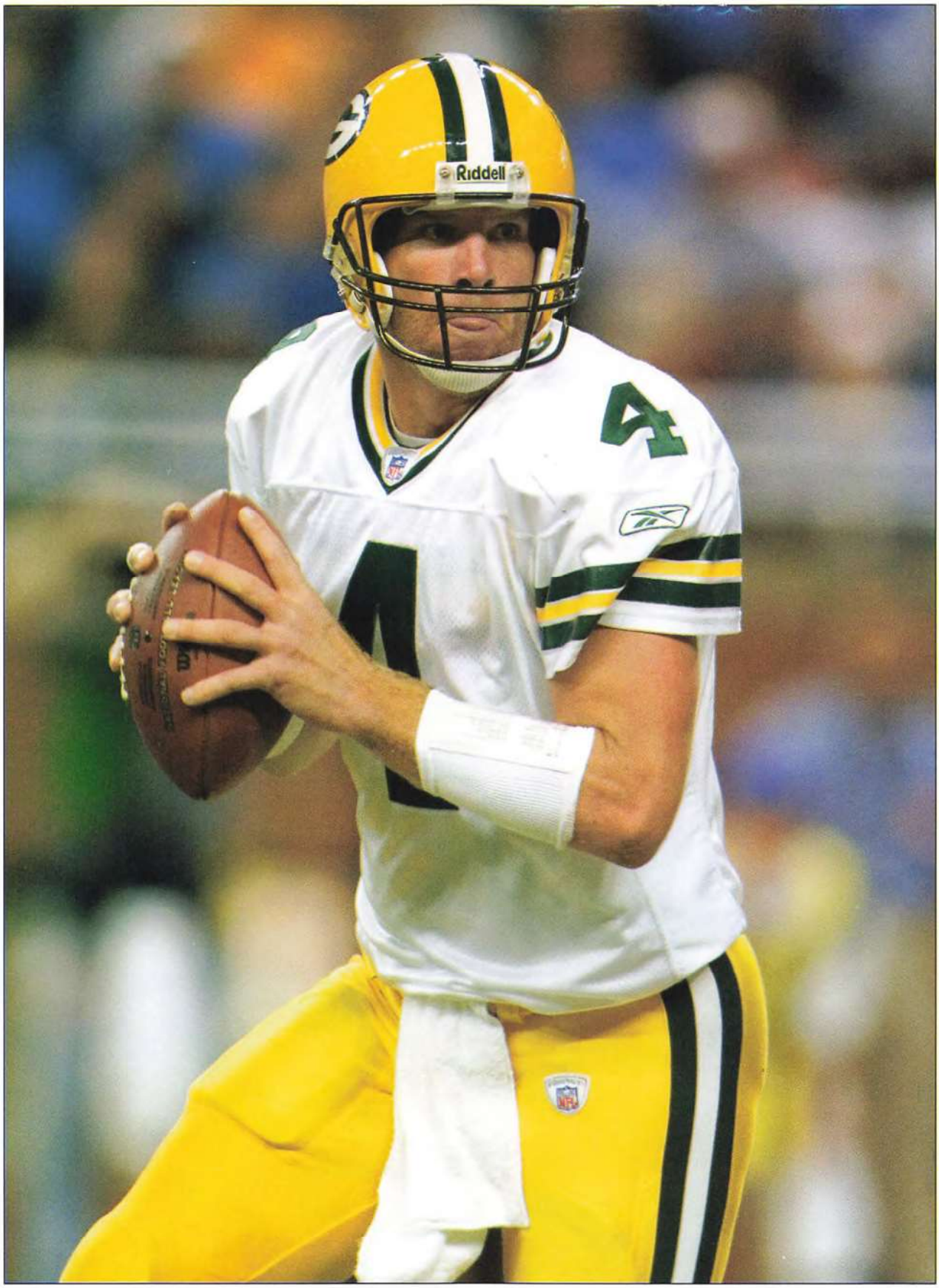
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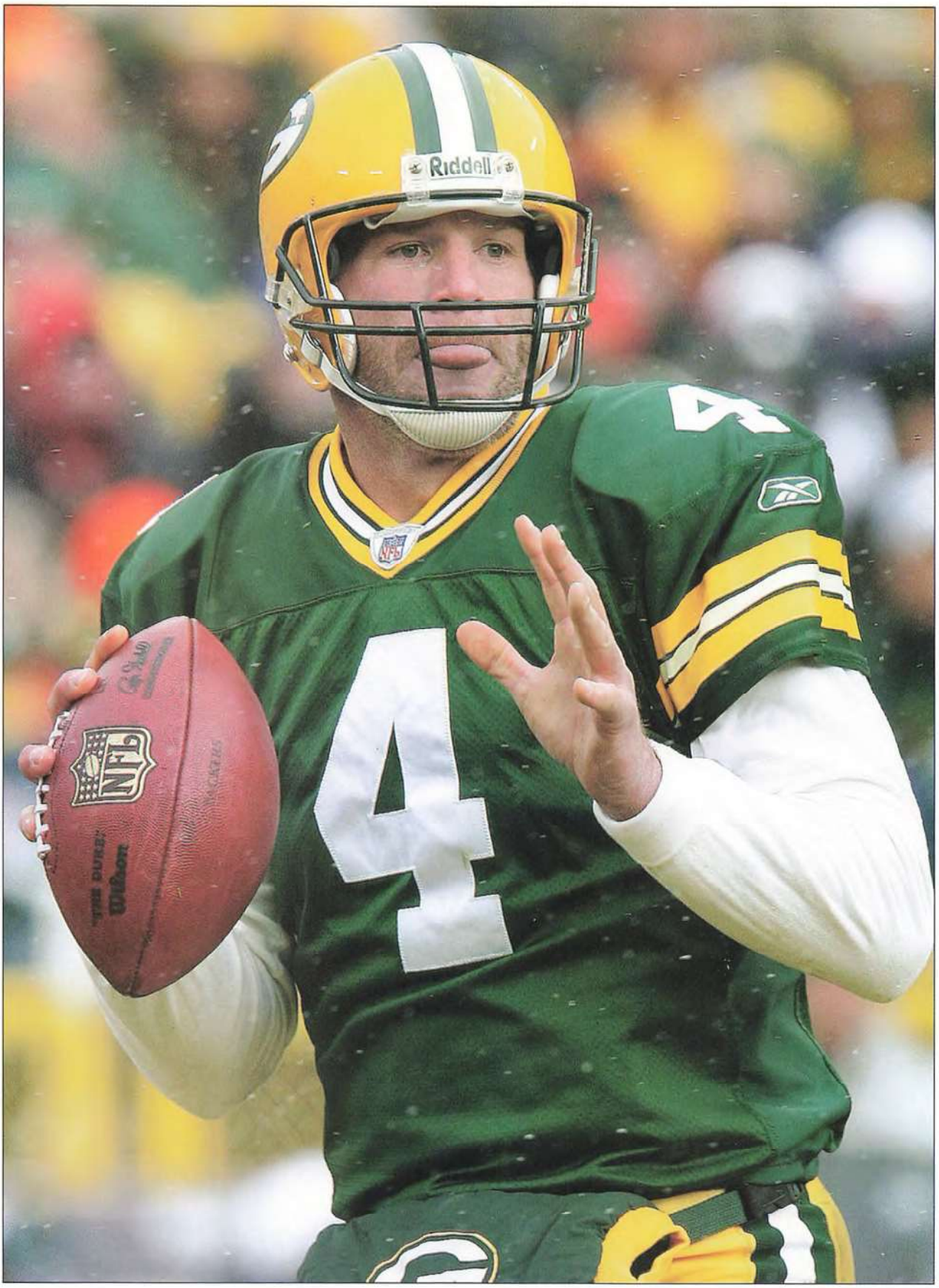
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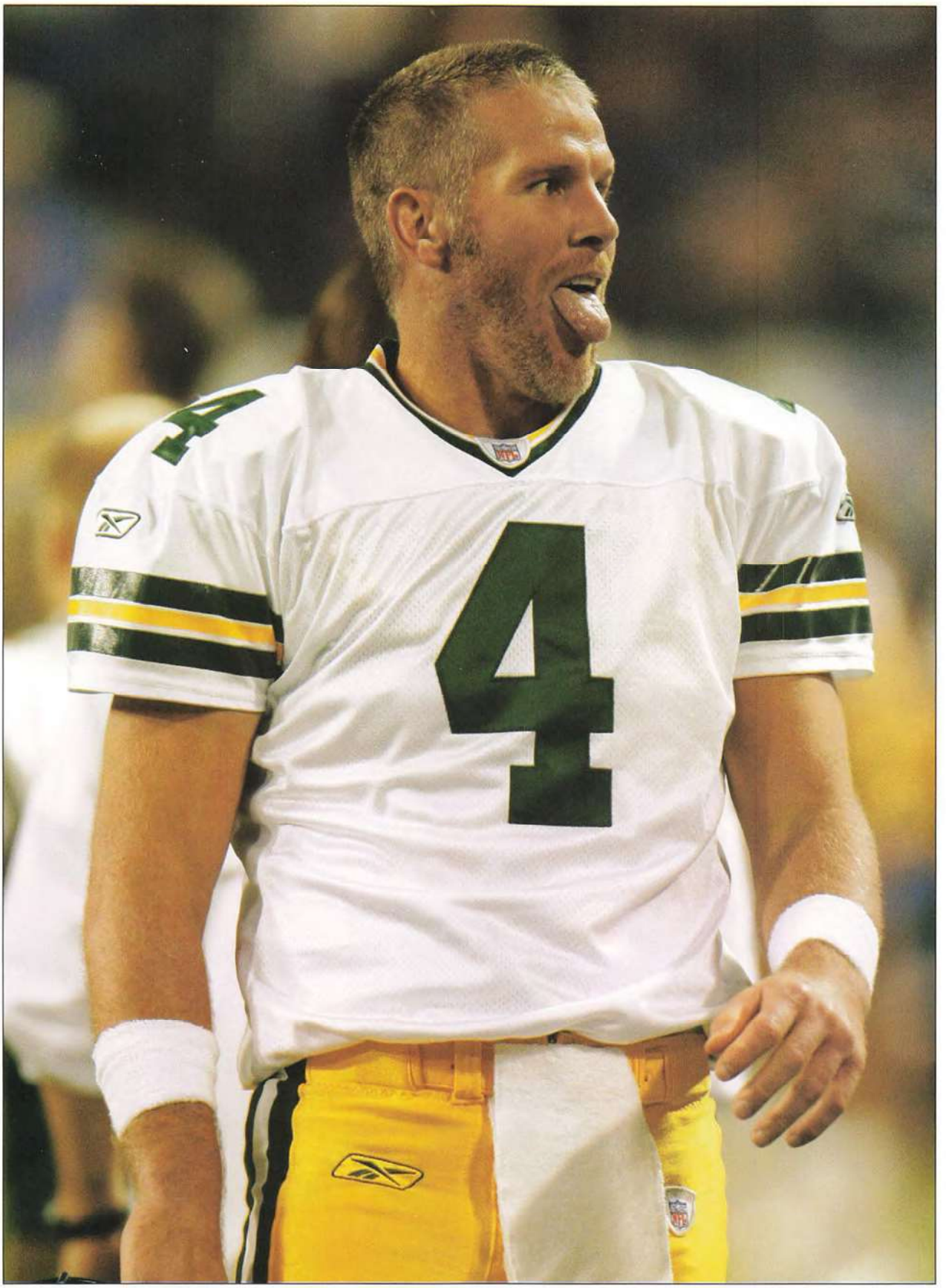

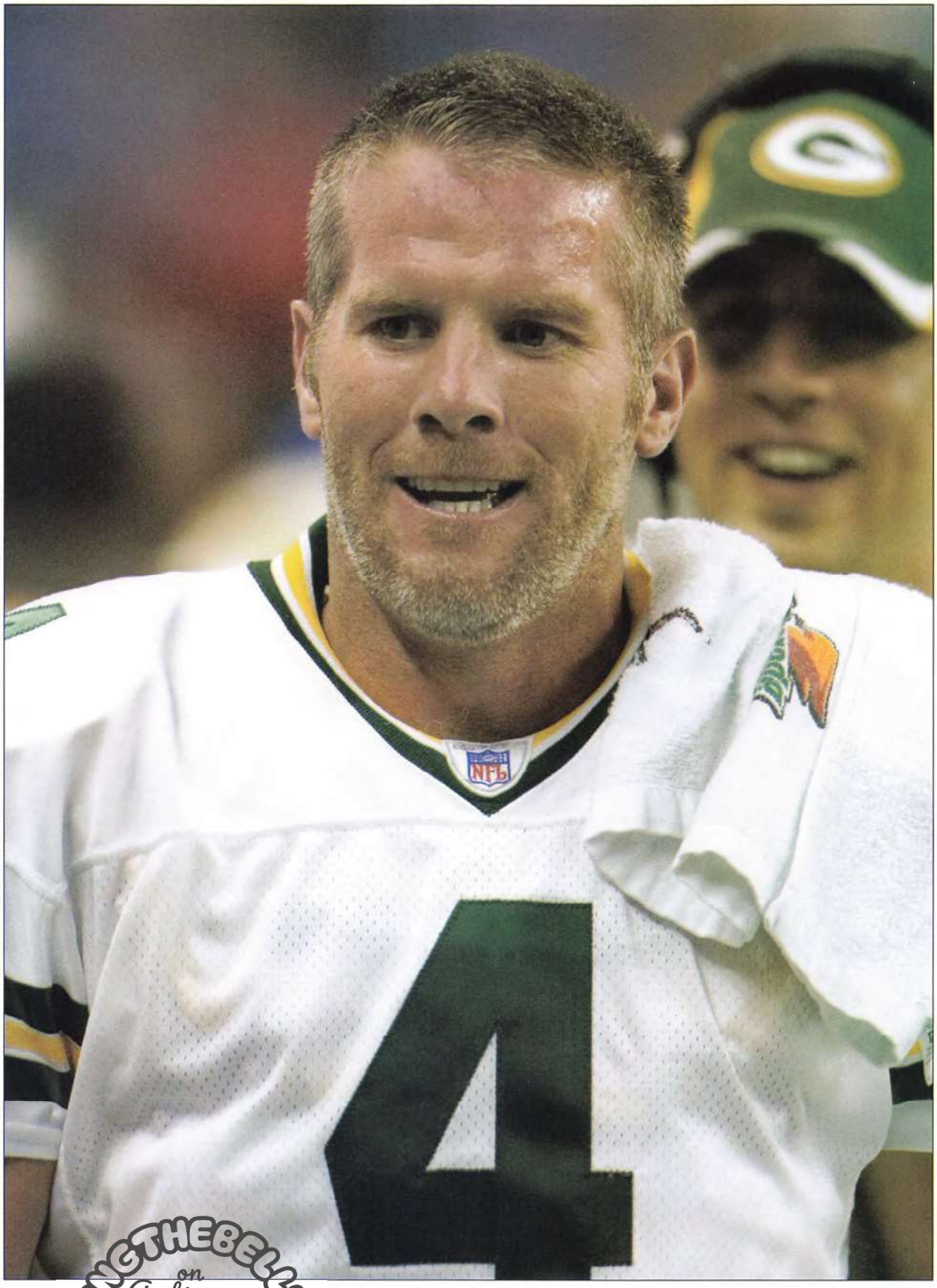

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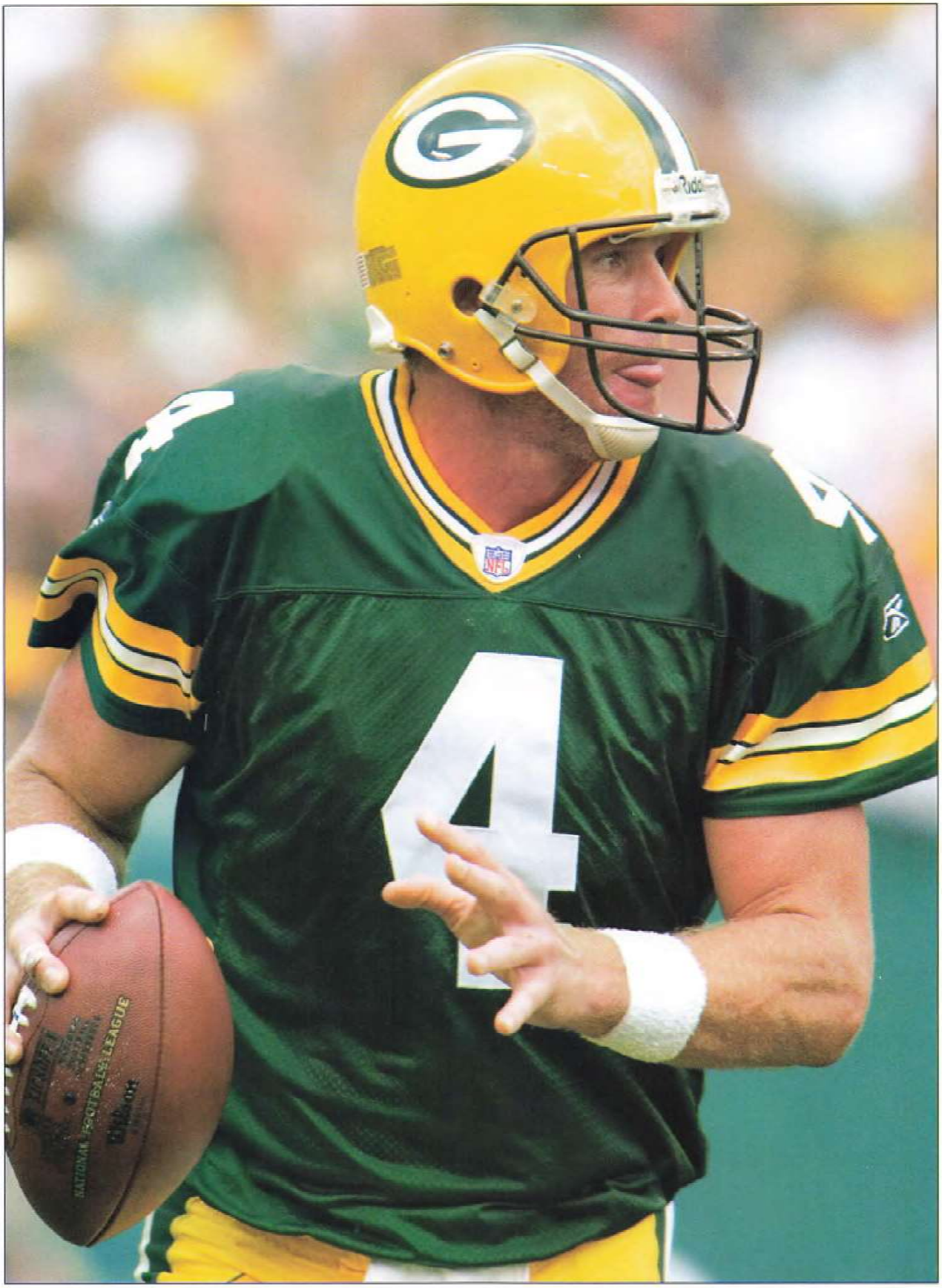
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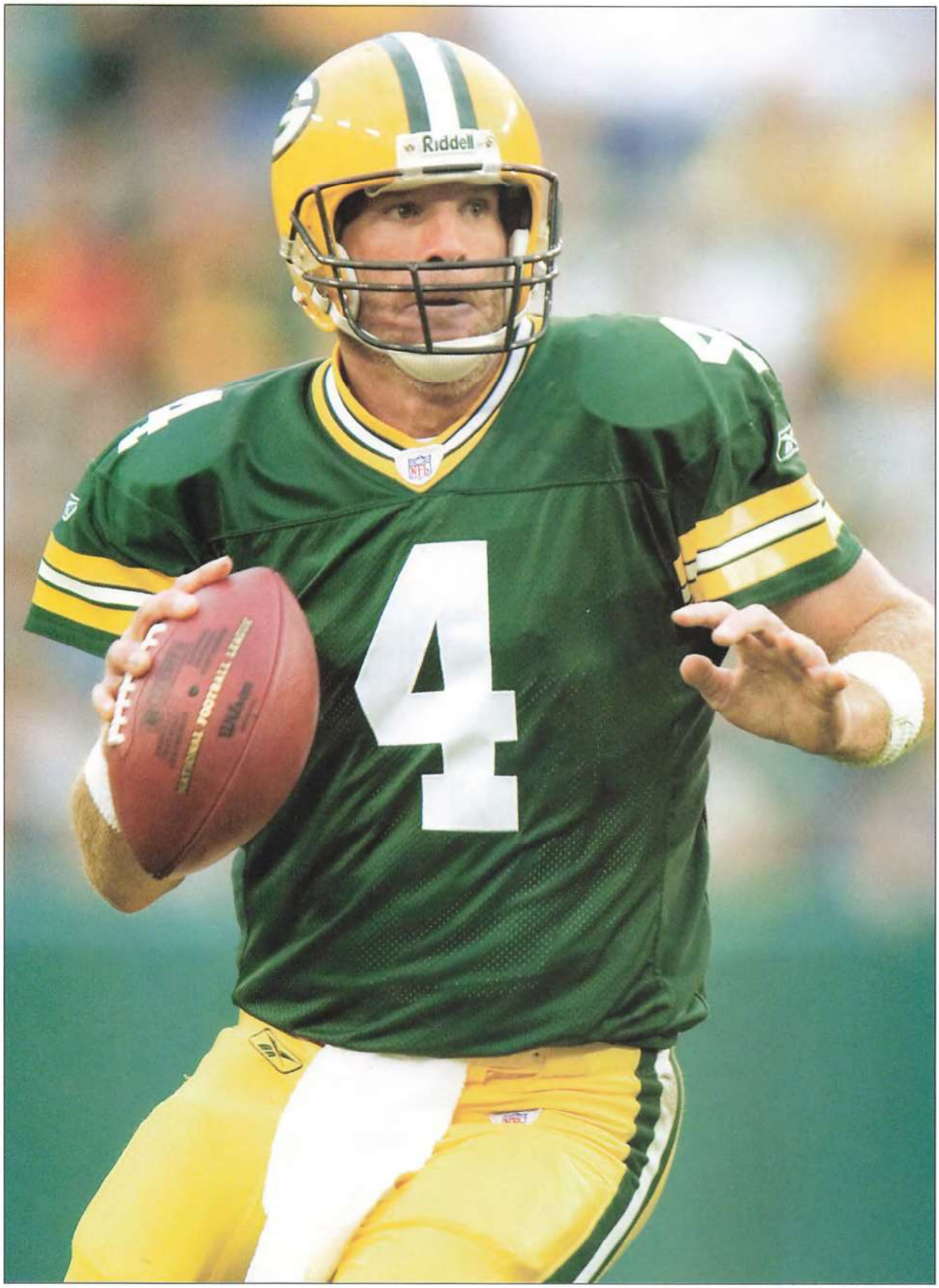
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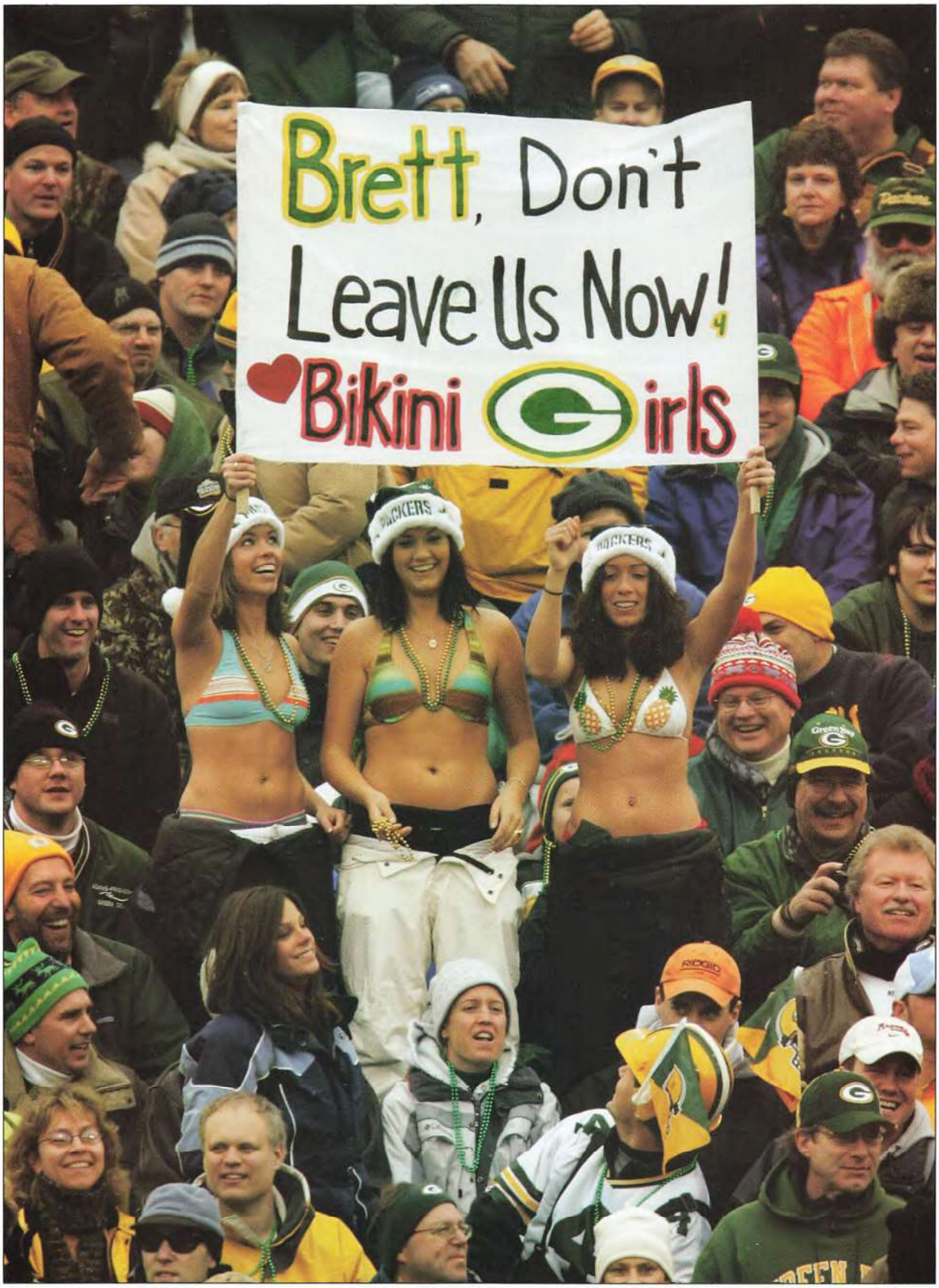
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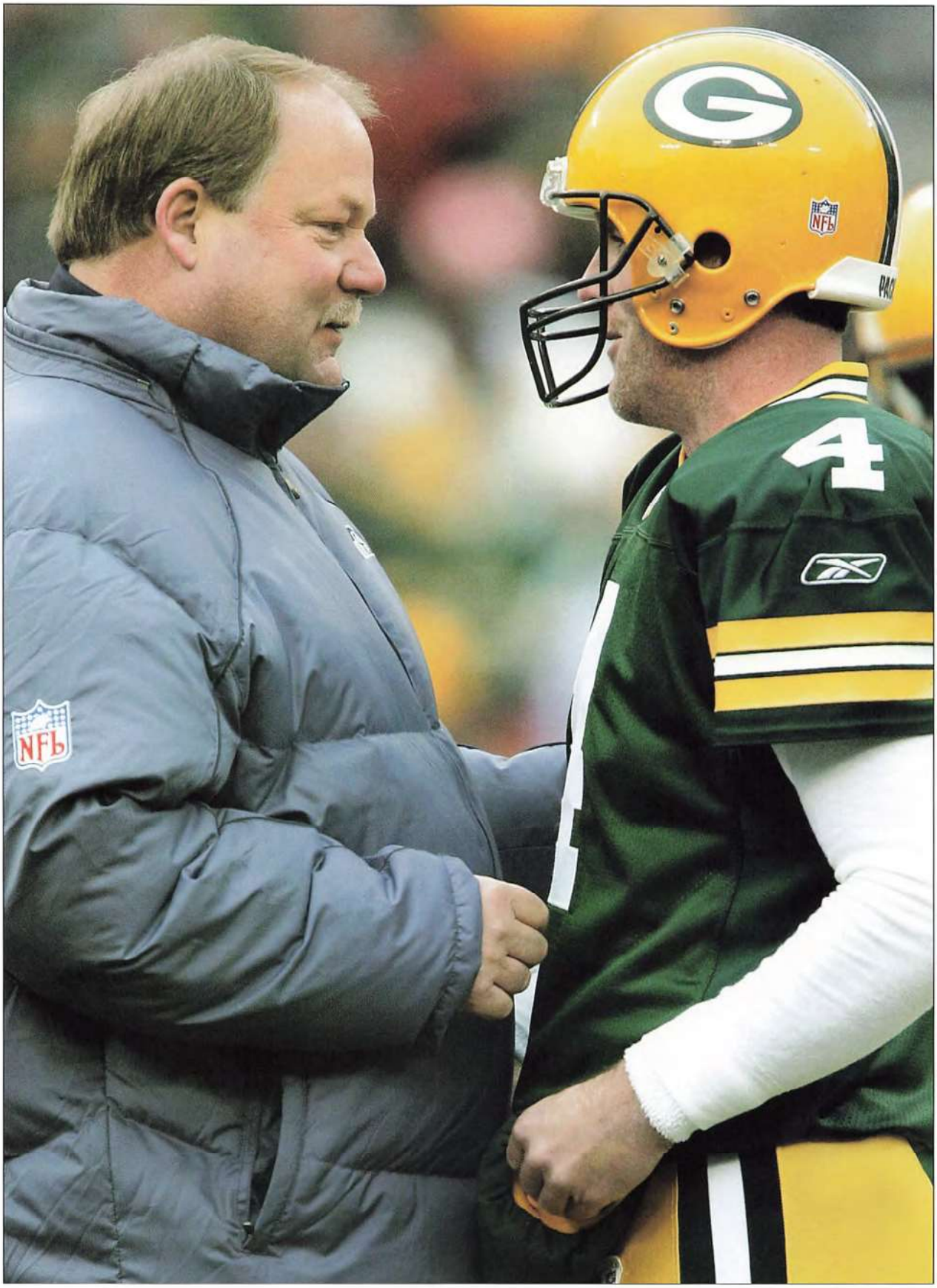
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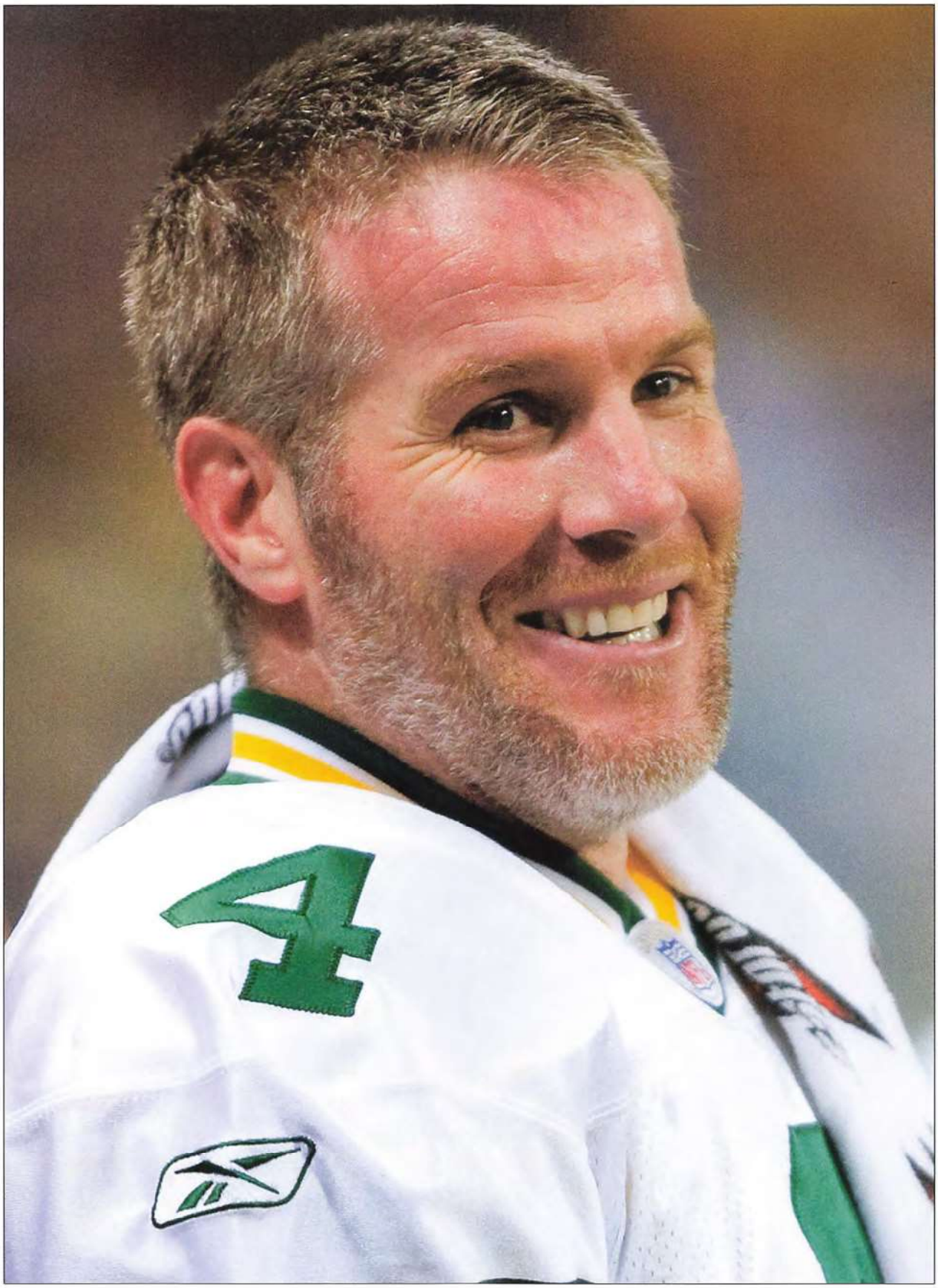
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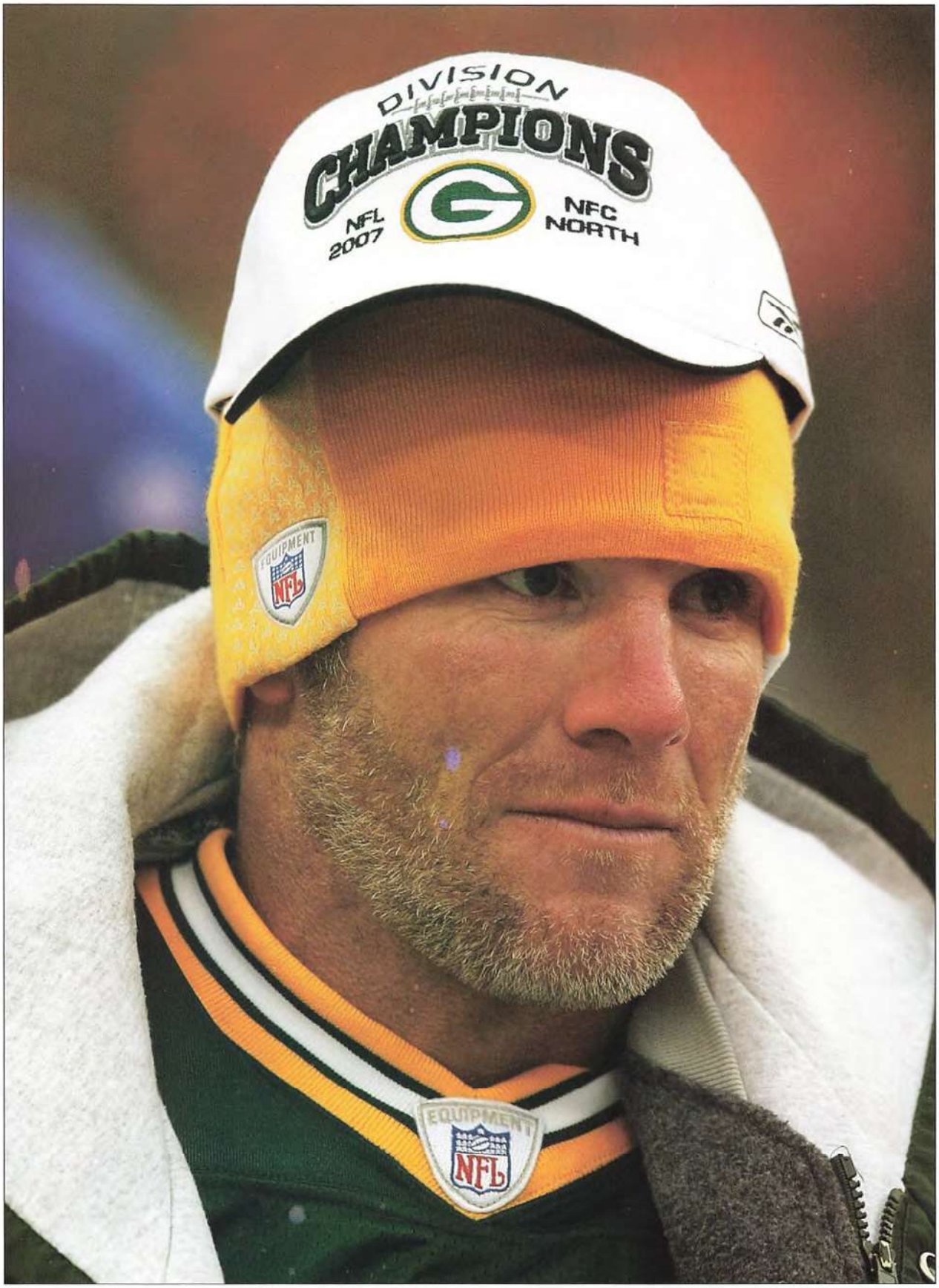
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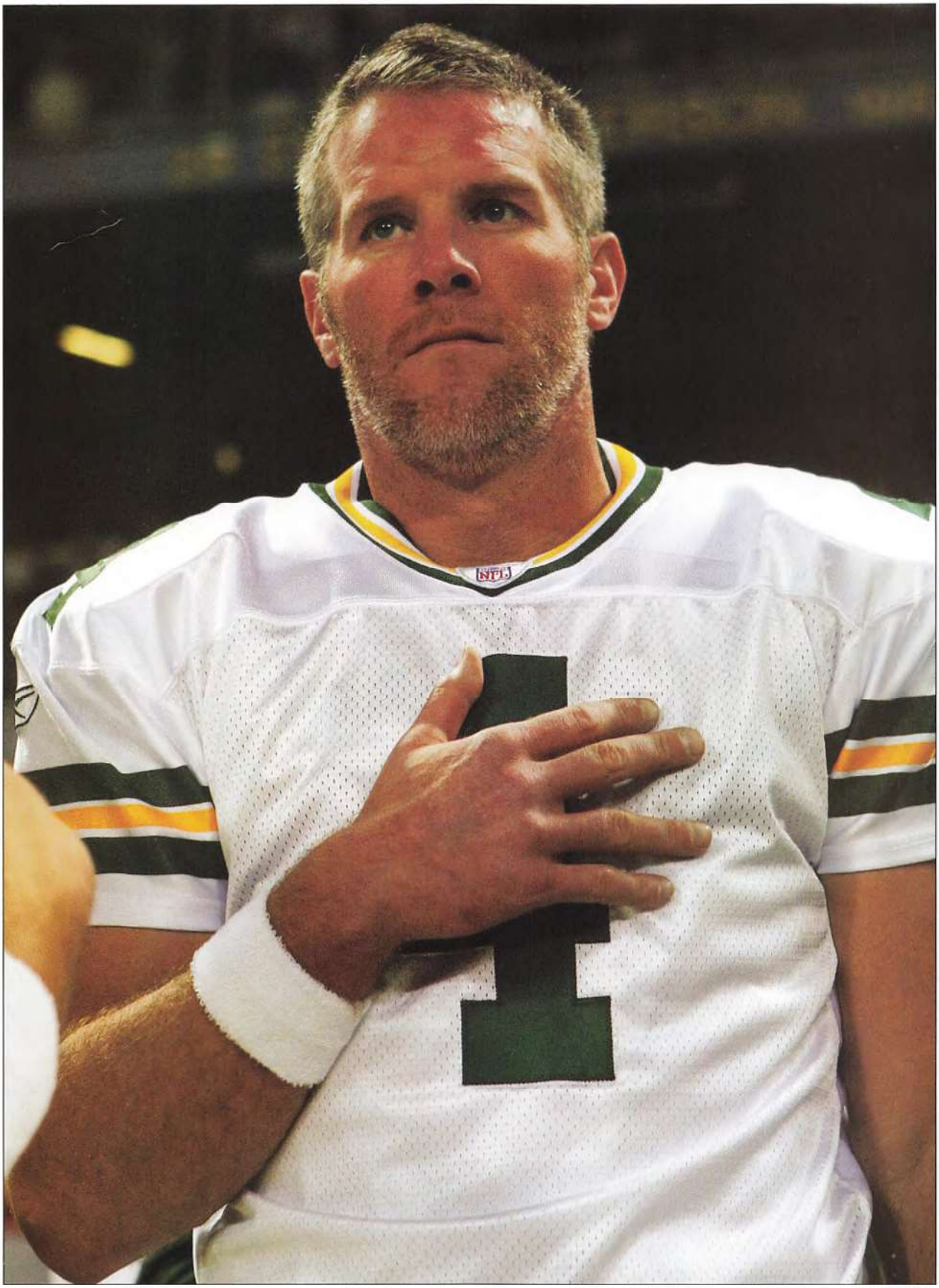

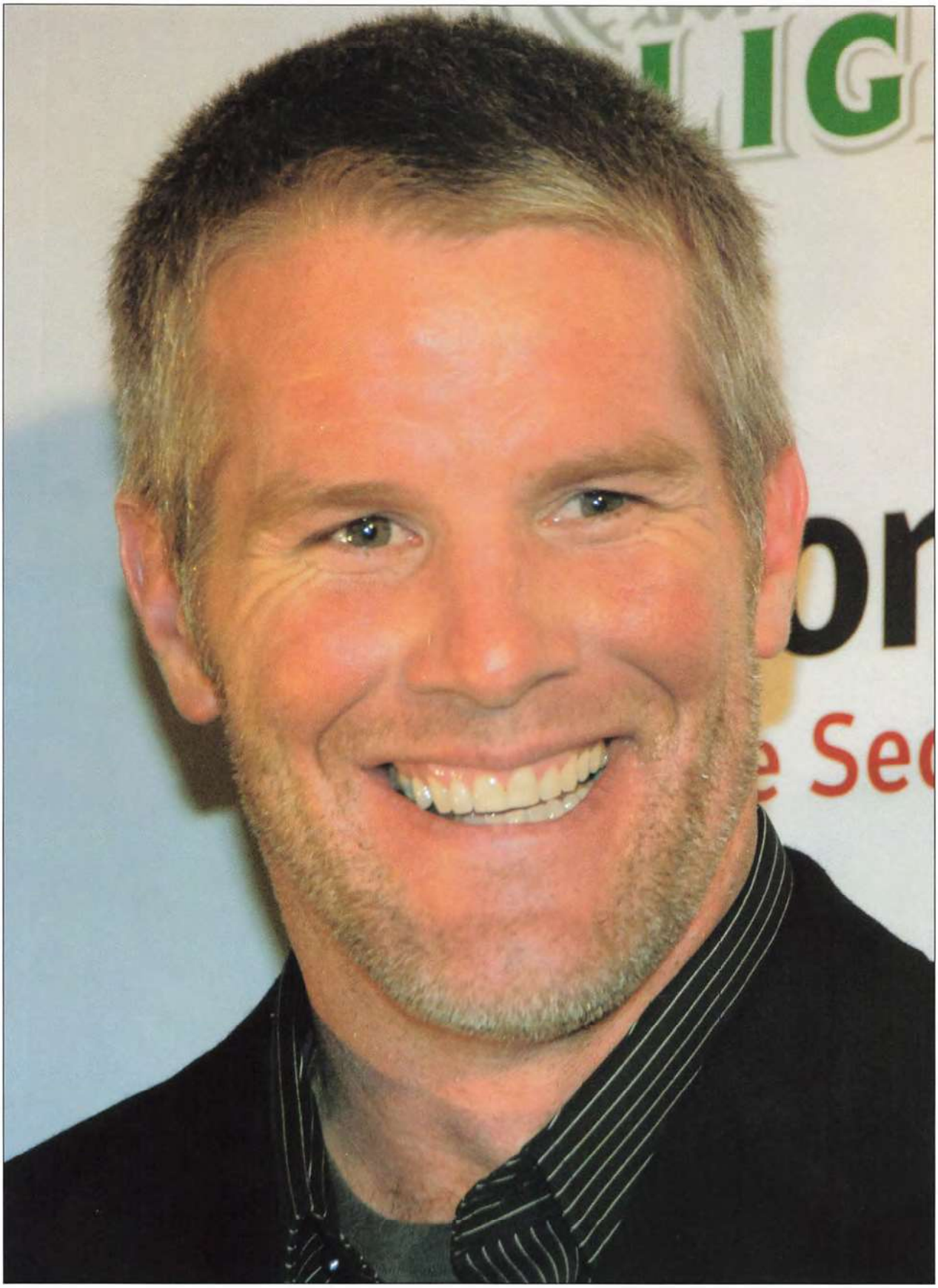

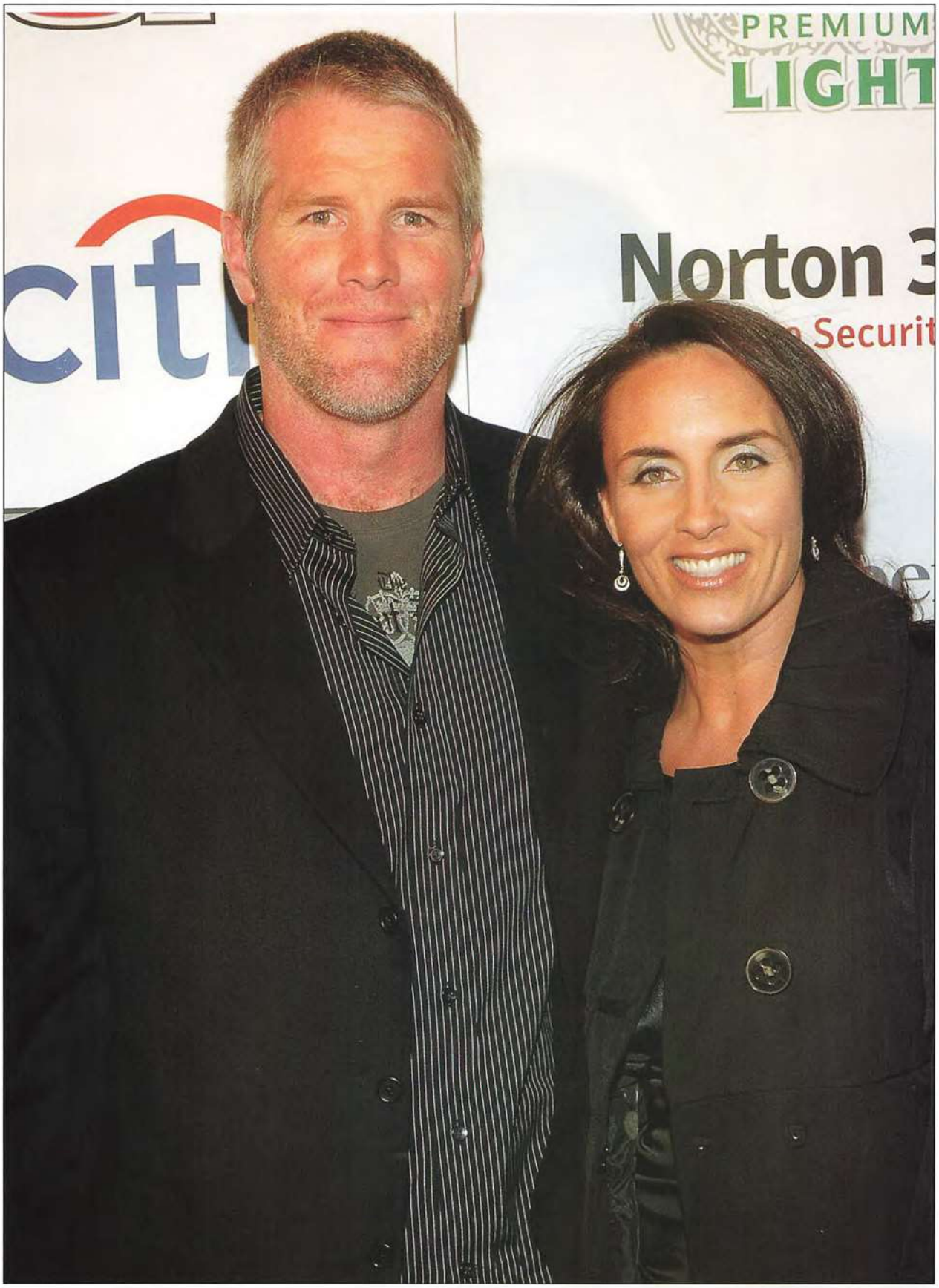
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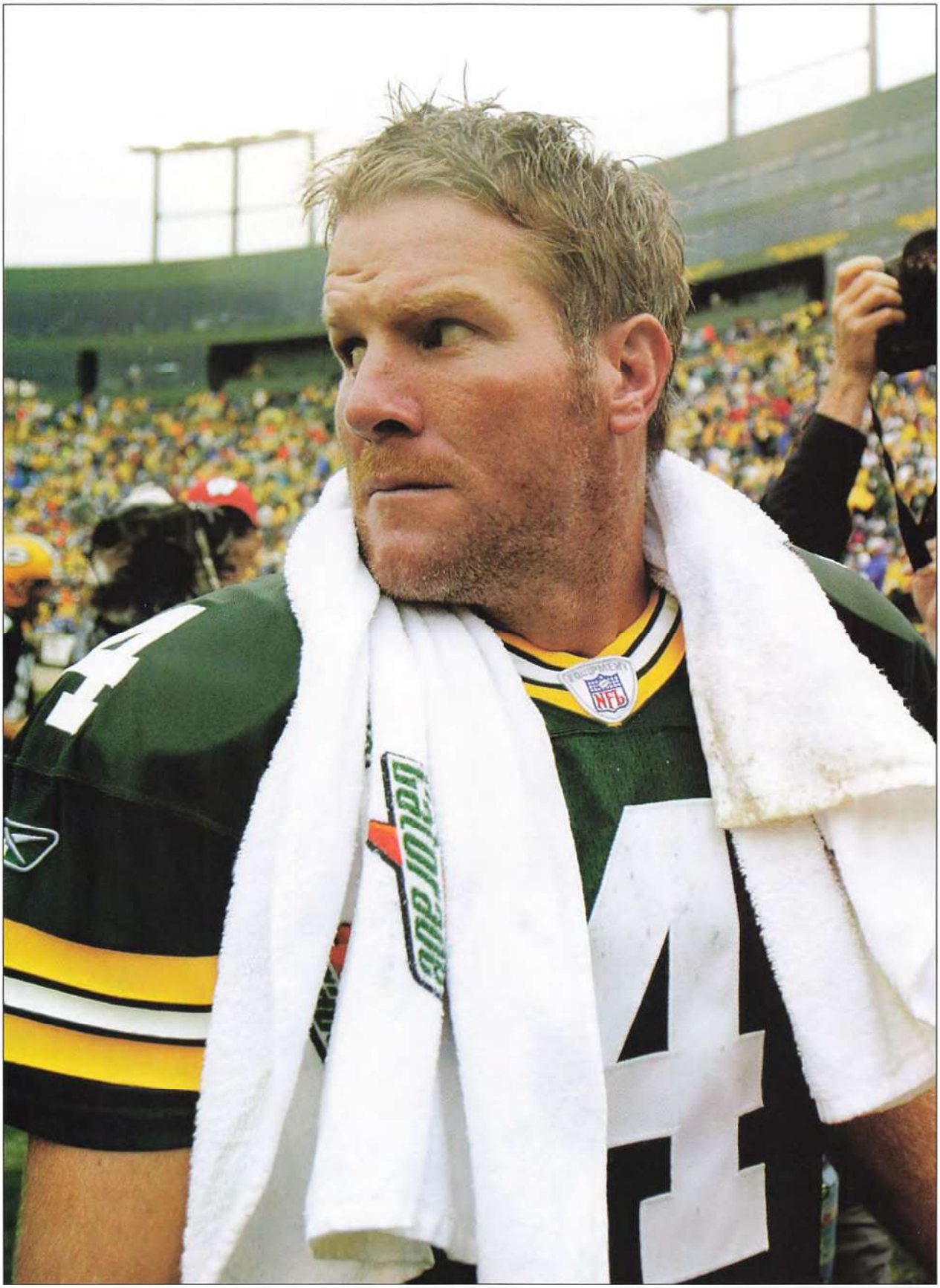

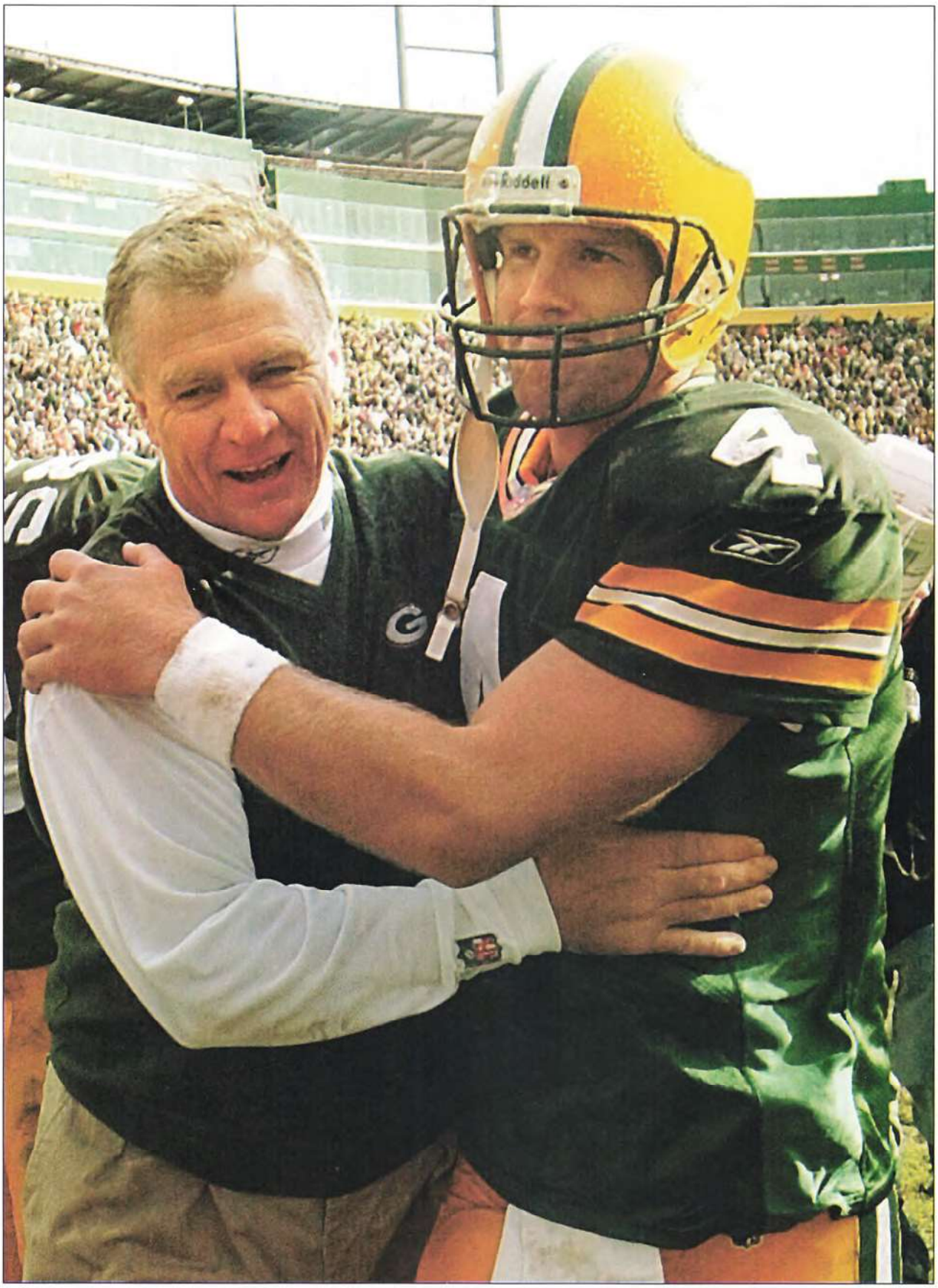
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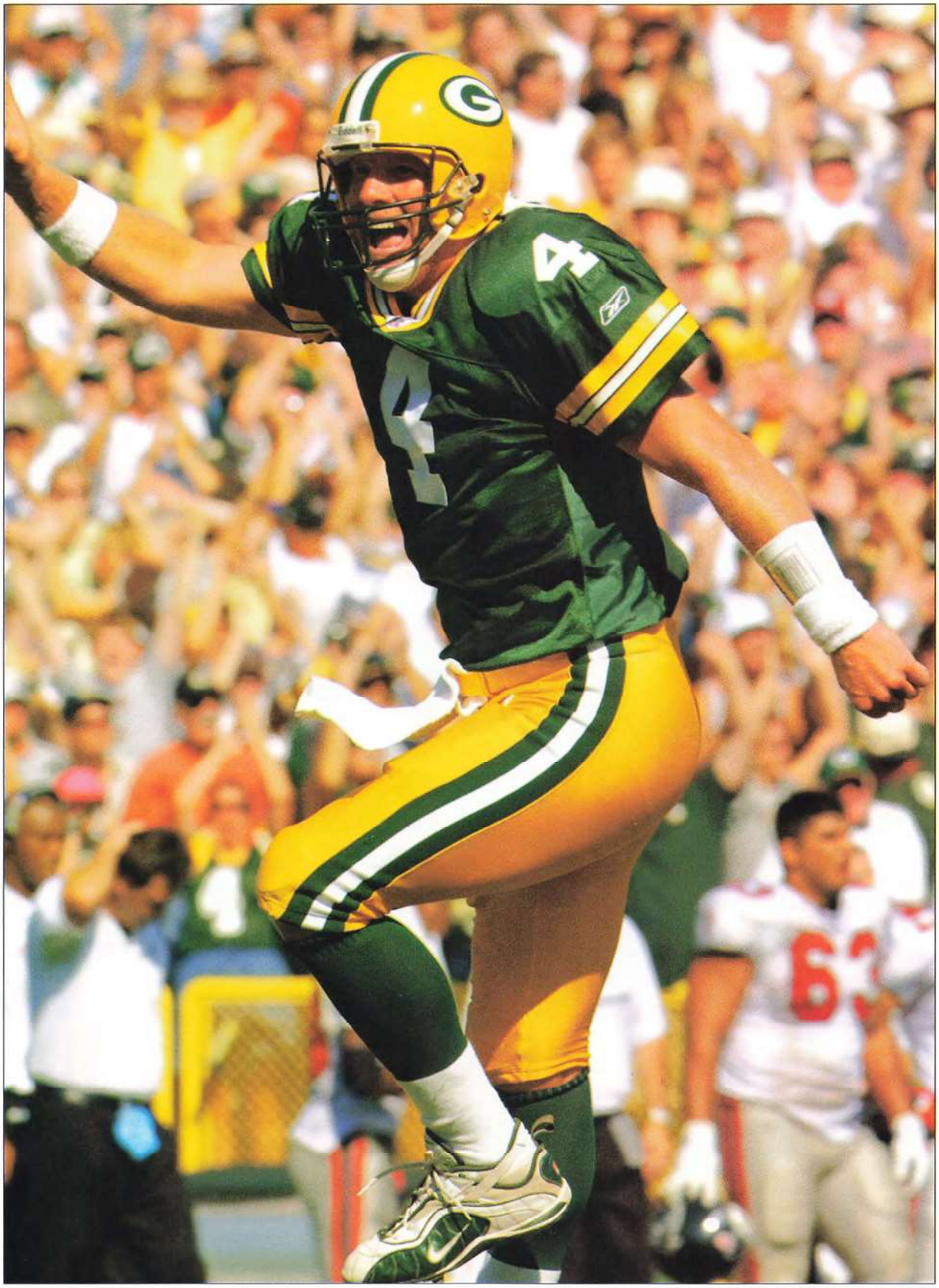

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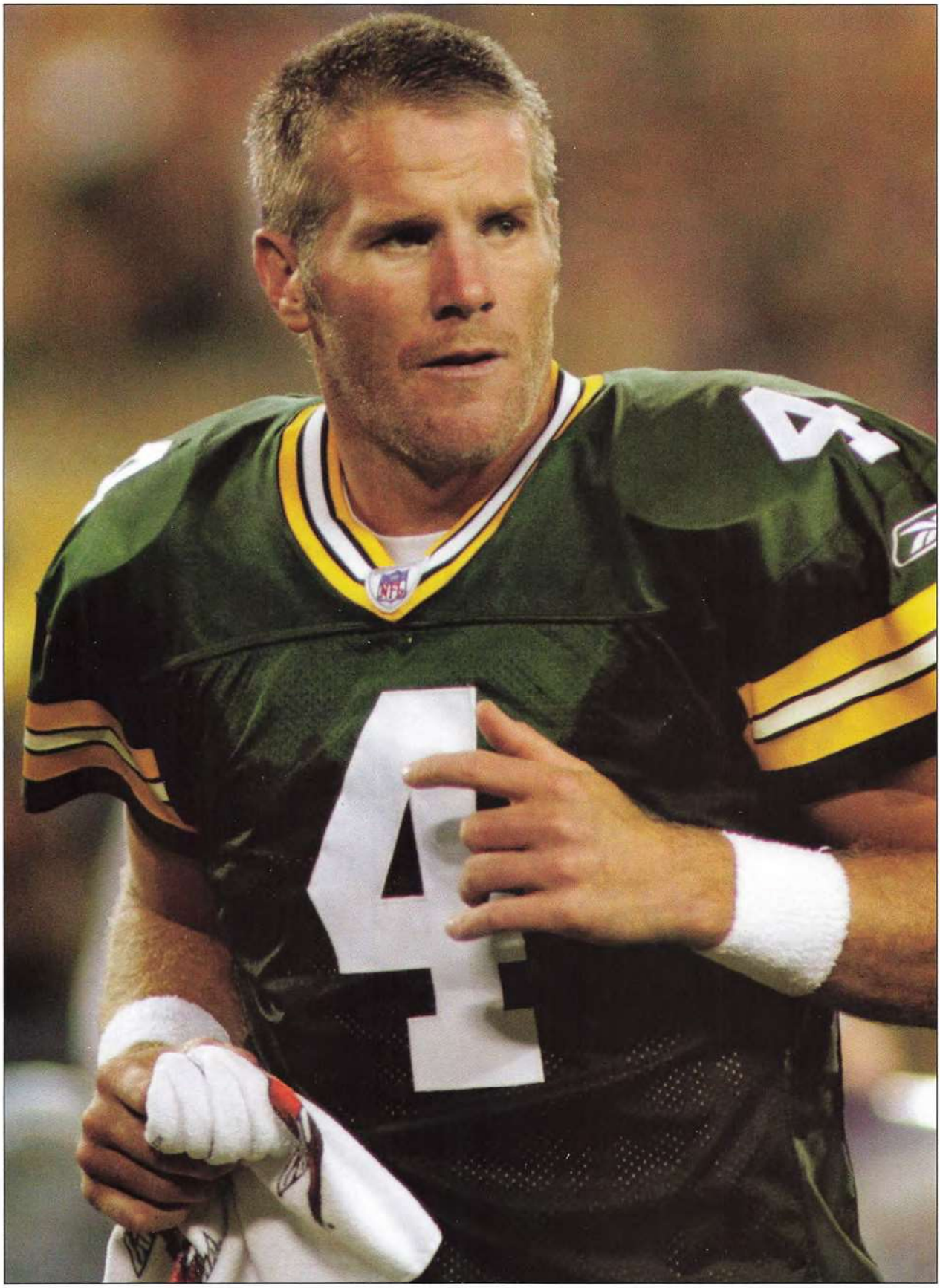

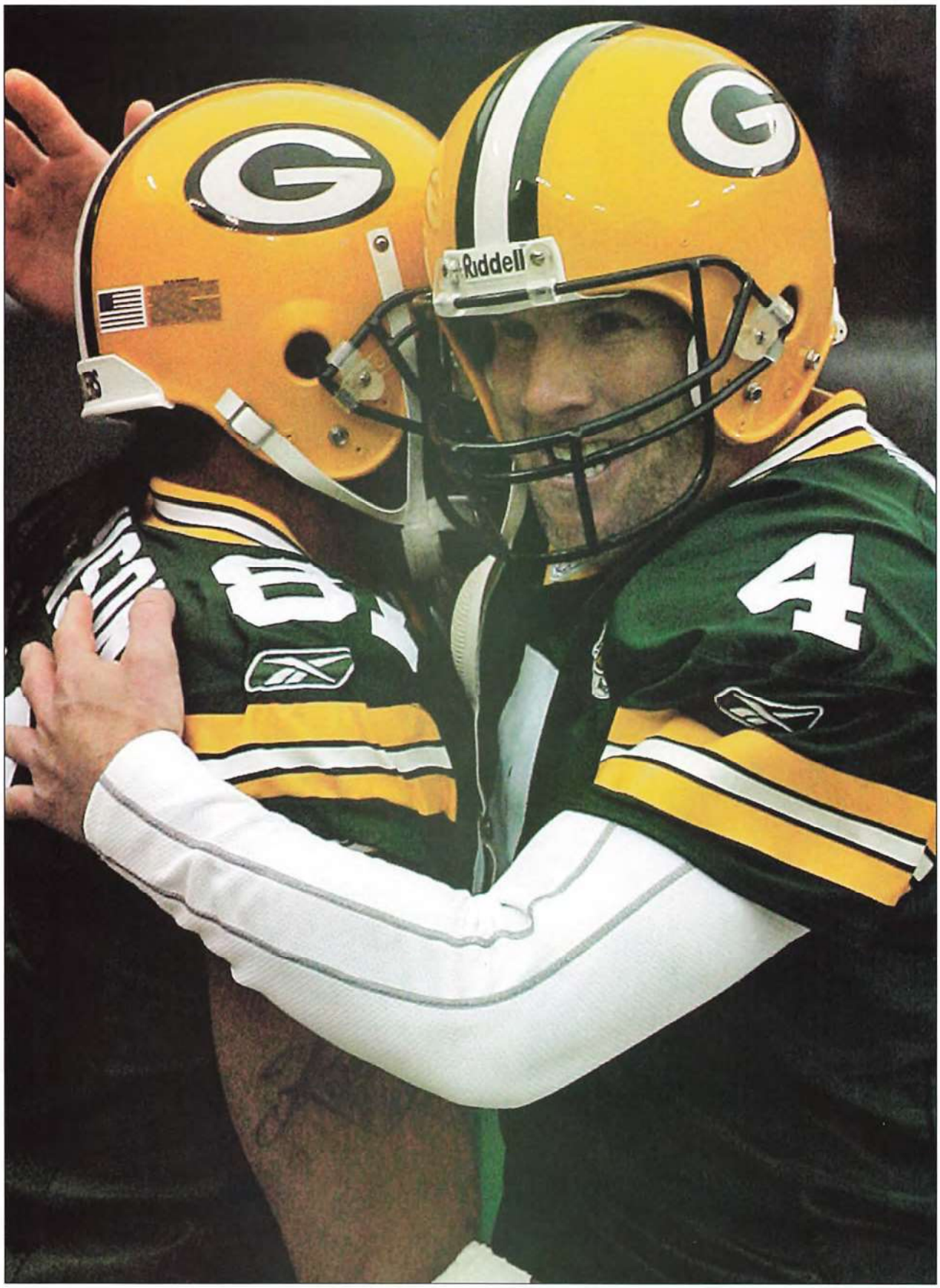
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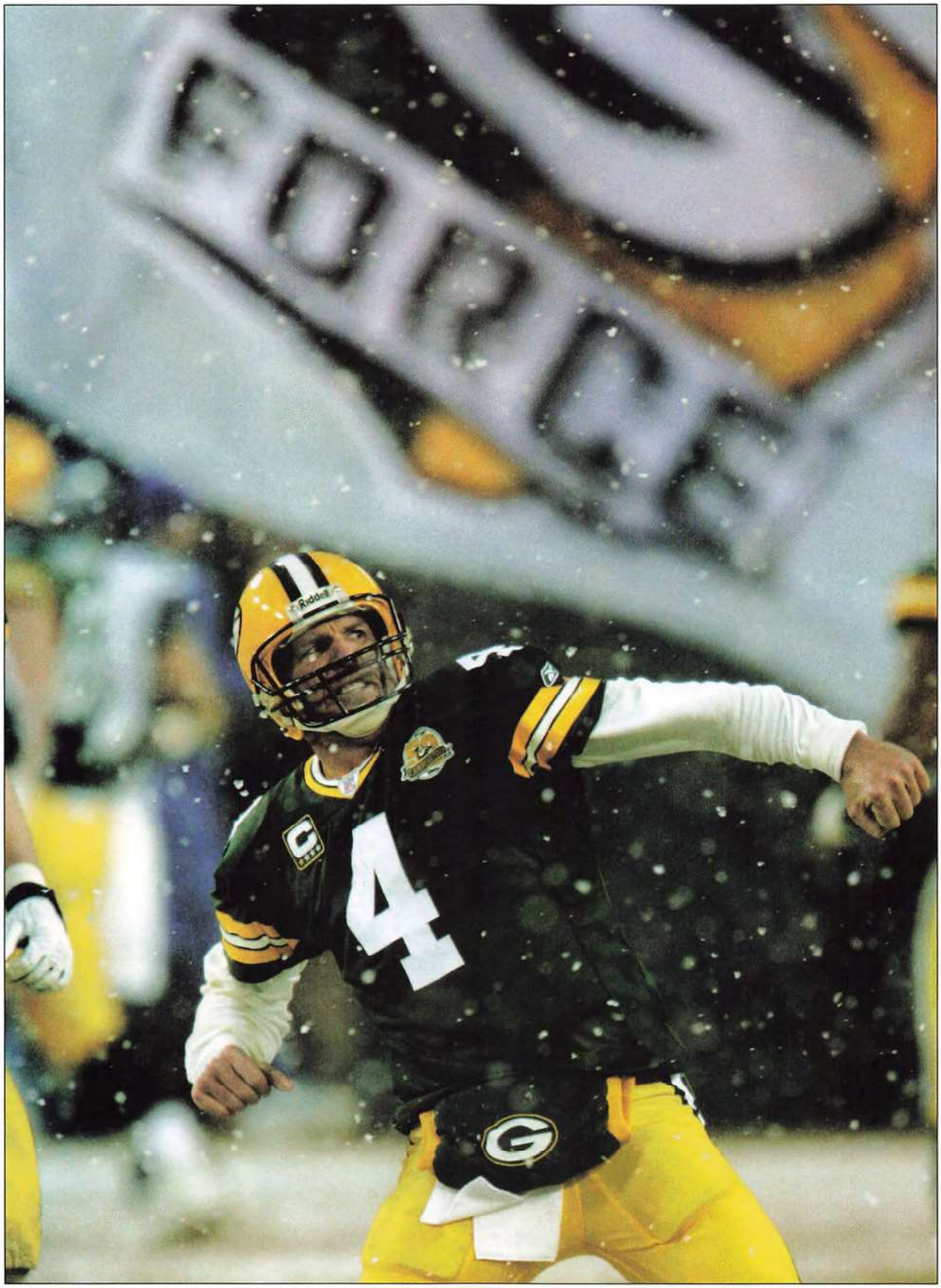
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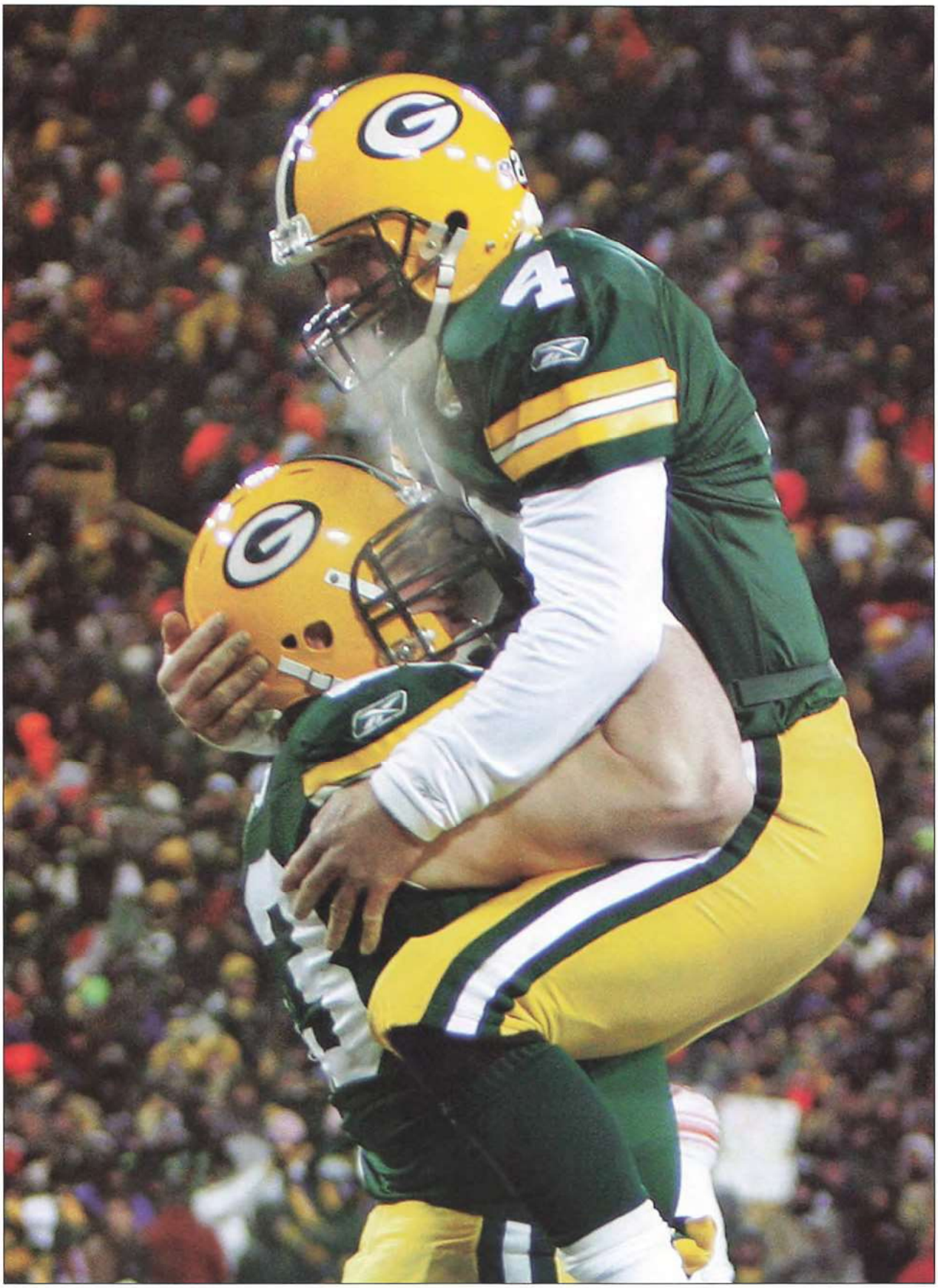

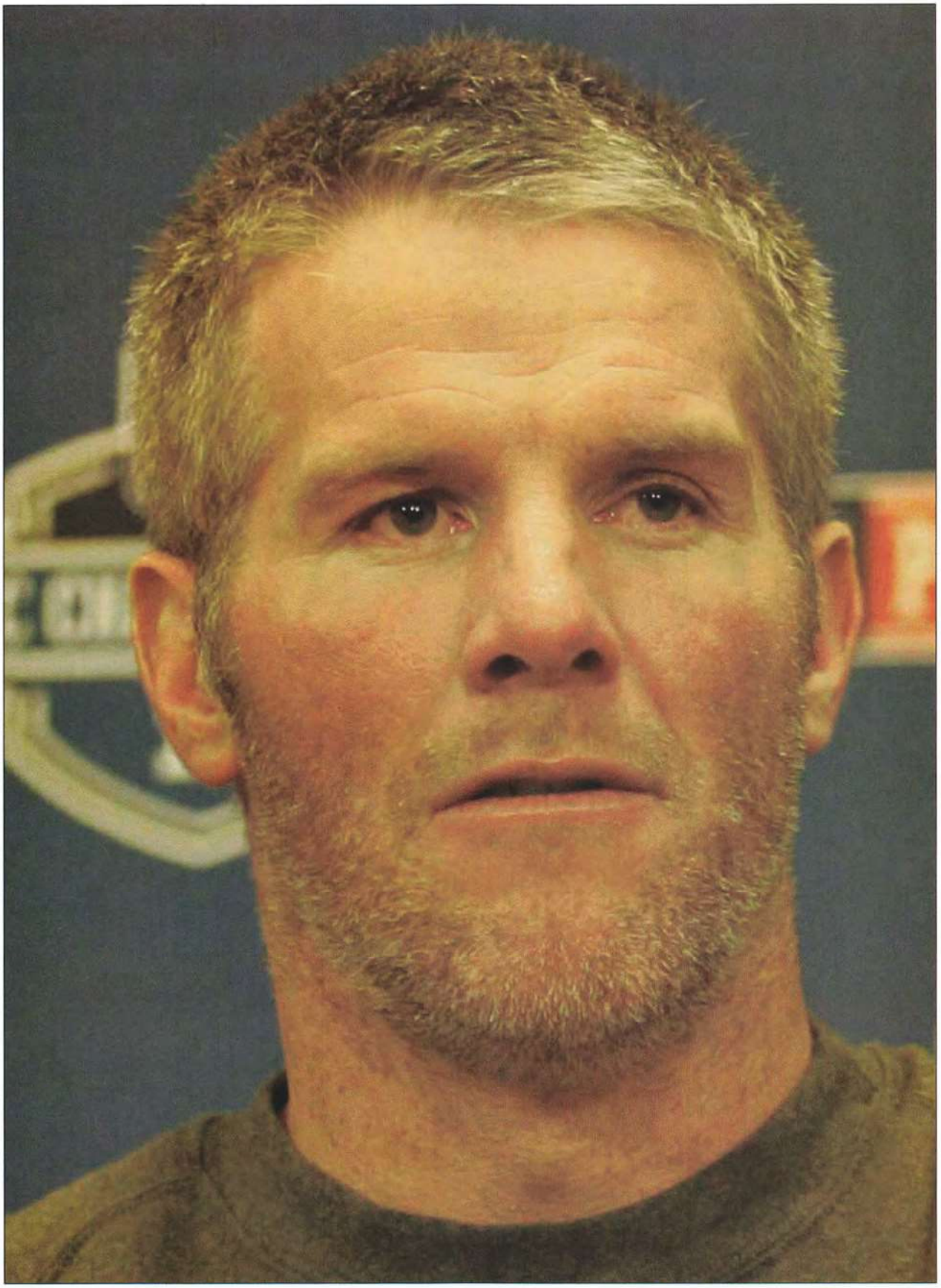

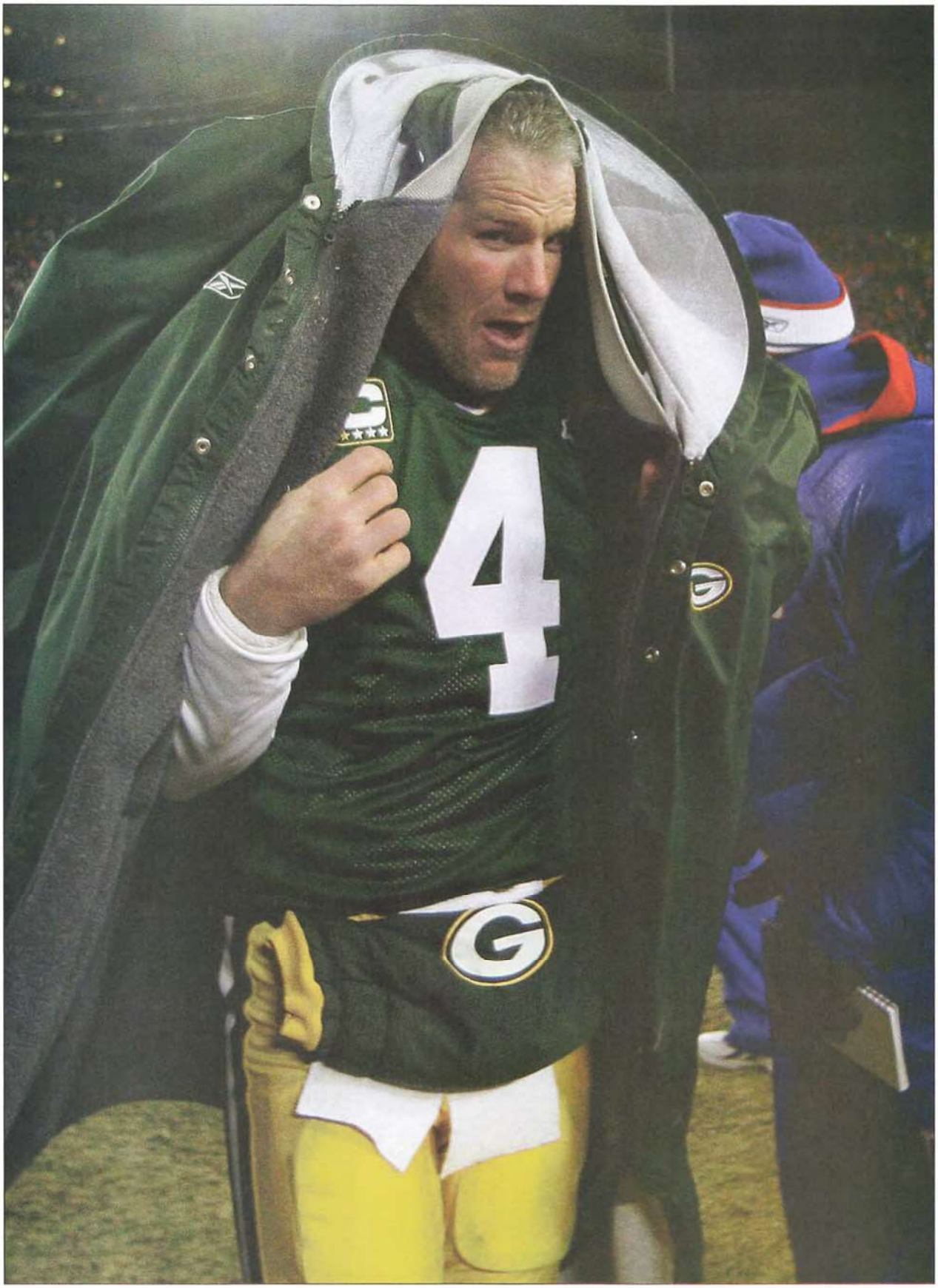

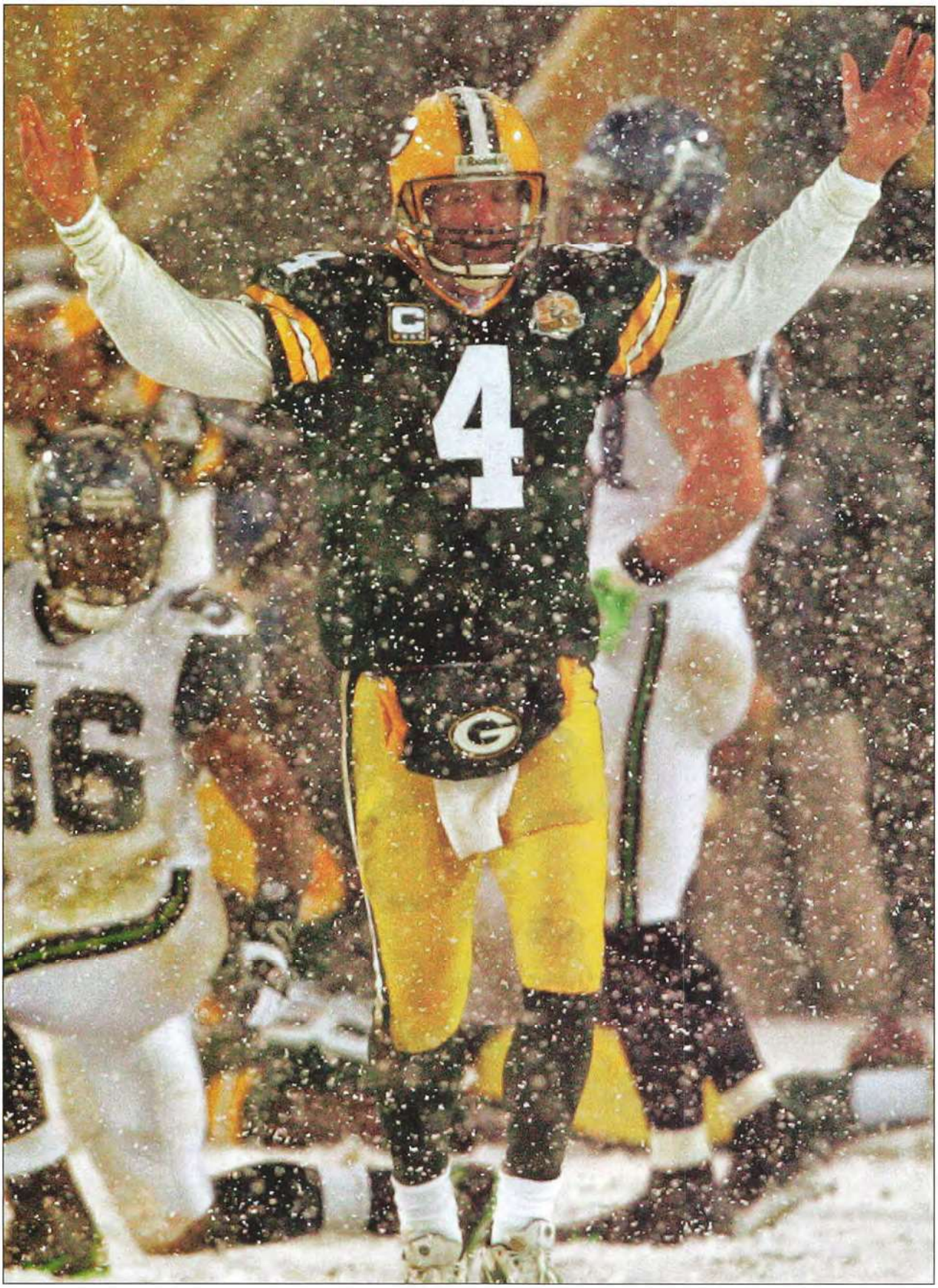
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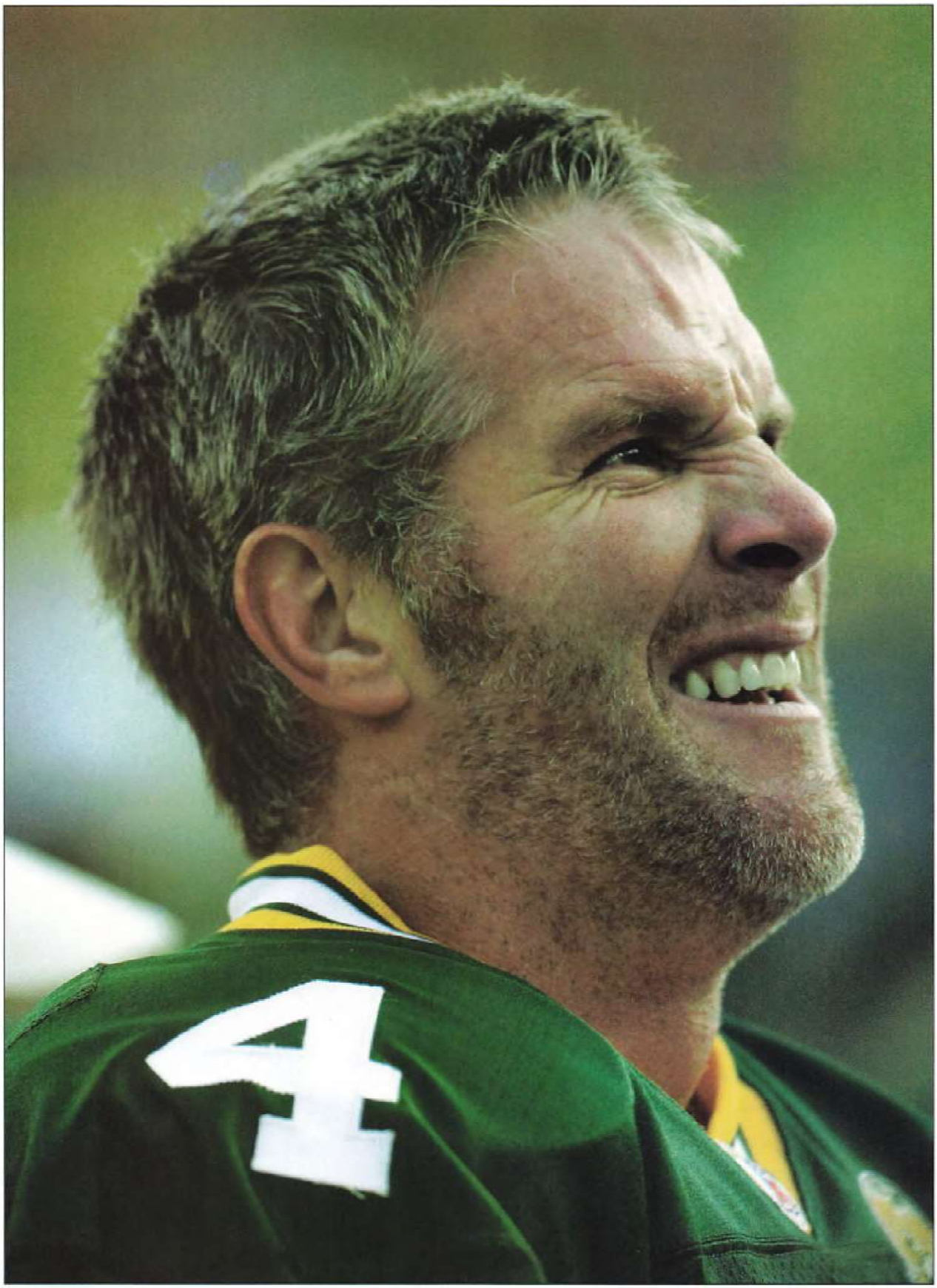
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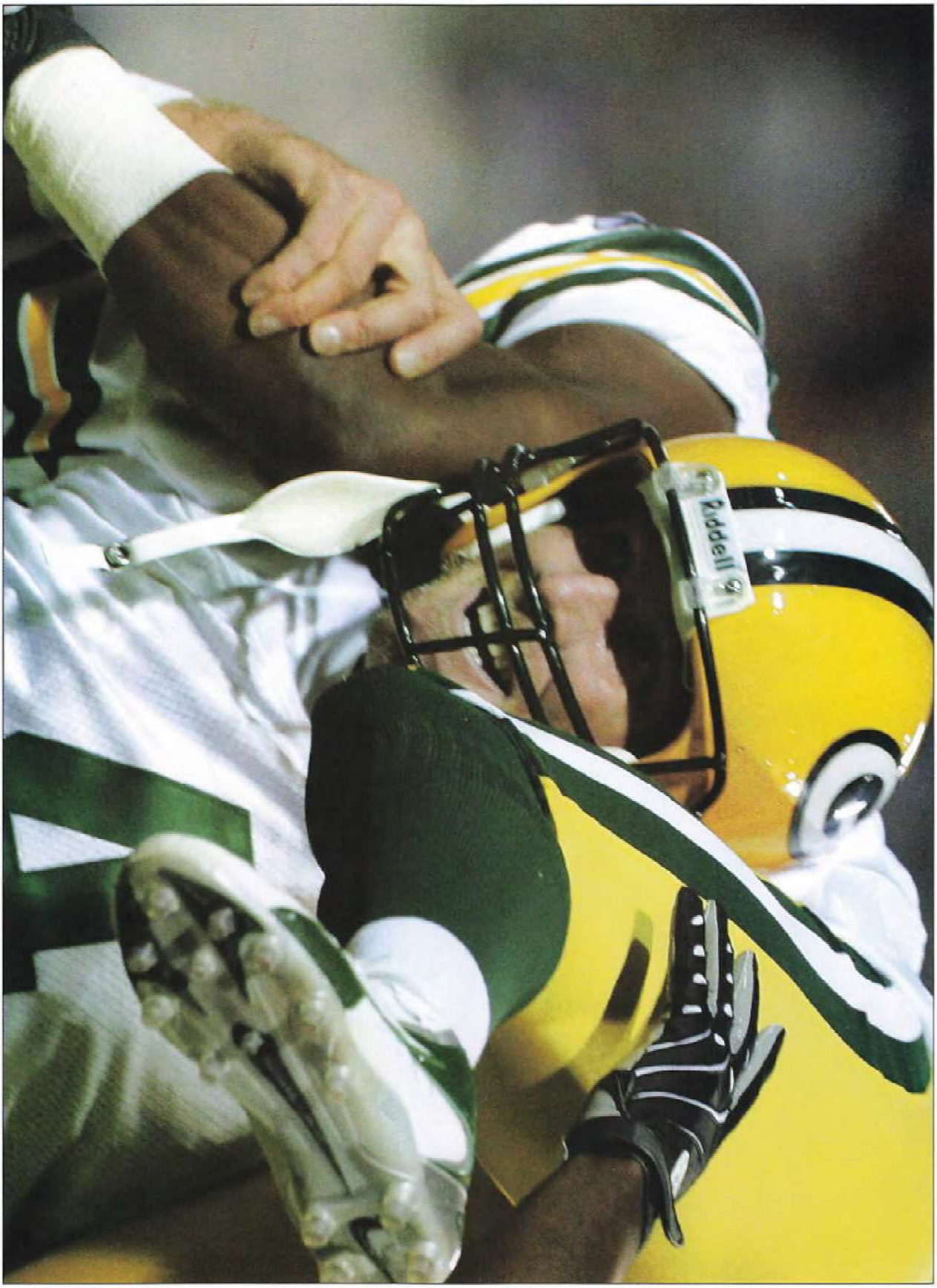
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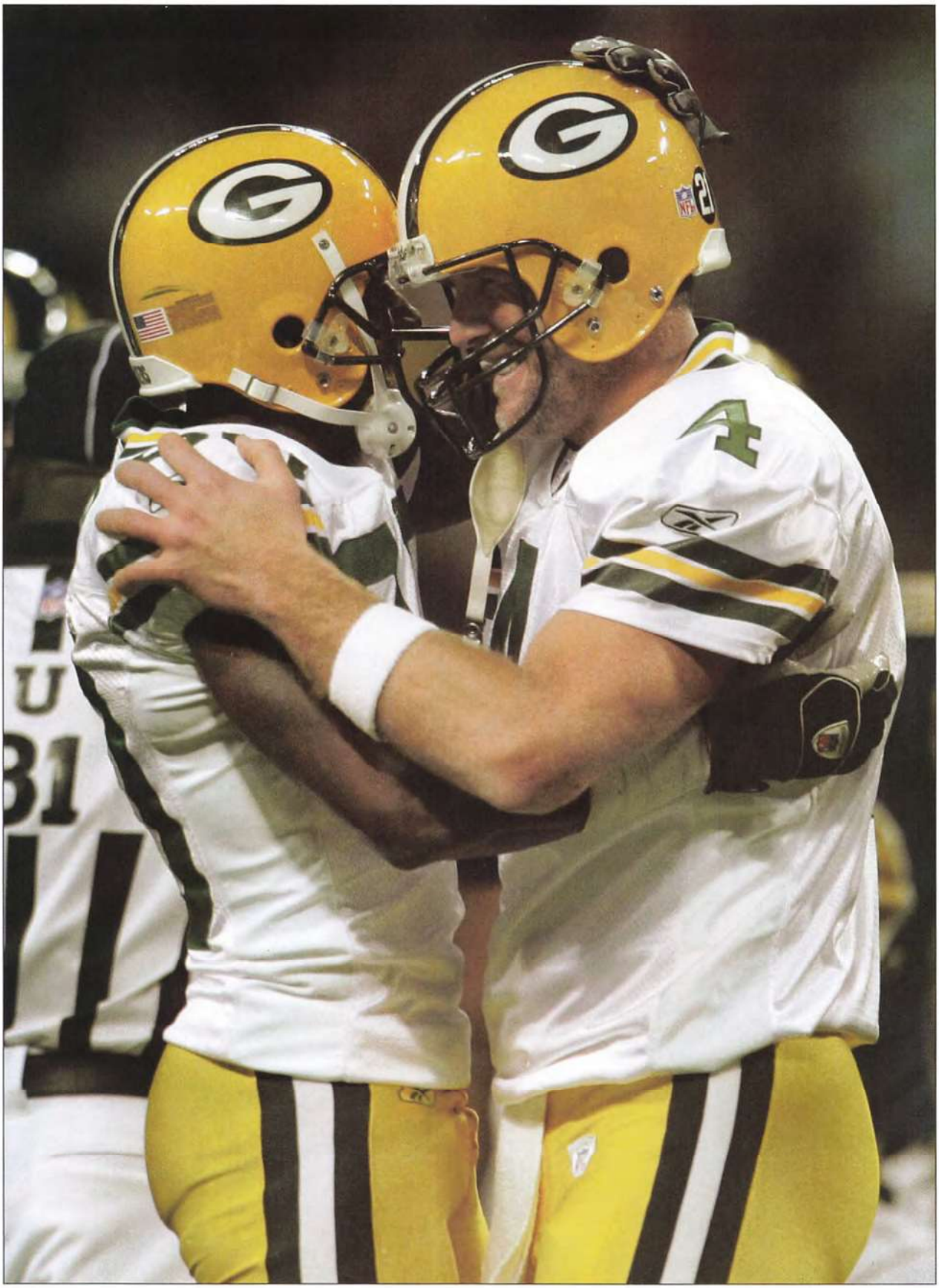

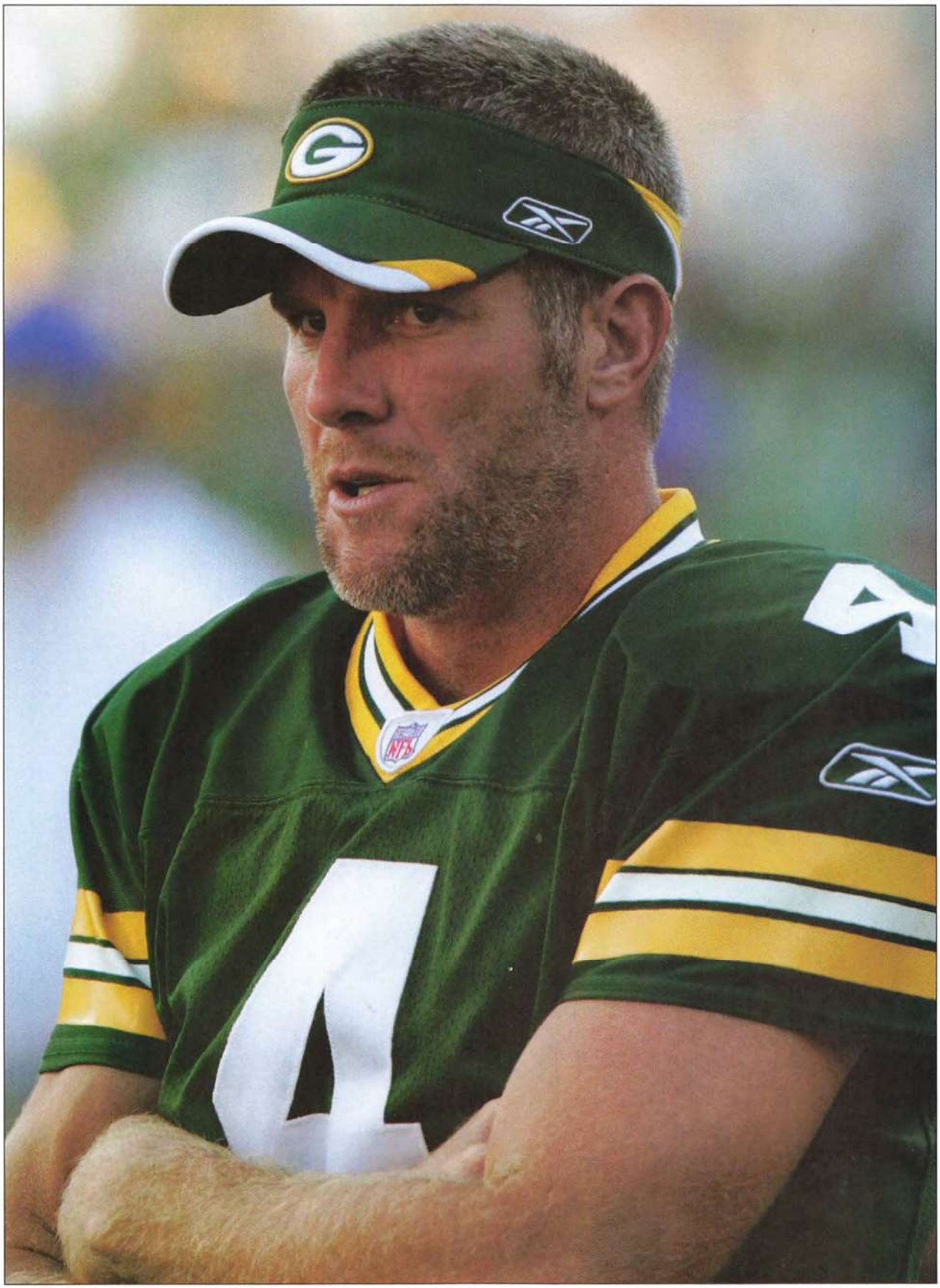

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FAVRE 2007 STATS

2007 GAME LOG PASSING RUSHING

WEEK	OPP	RESULT	CMP	ATT	YDS	CMP%	LNG	TD	INT	RAT	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
1	PHI	W 16-13	23	42	206	54.8	22	0	1	58.2	1	-2	-2.0	0
2	@NYG	W 35-13	29	38	286	76.3	46	3	1	112.4	2	-2	-1.0	0
3	SD	W 31-24	28	45	369	62.2	57	3	0	110.3	2	1	0.5	0
4	@MIN	W 23-16	32	45	344	71.1	36	2	0	108.0	4	1	0.3	0
5	CHI	L 27-20	29	40	322	72.5	41	1	2	83.5	0	0	0.0	0
6	WAS	W 17-14	19	37	188	51.4	60	0	2	43.5	3	8	2.7	0
7	Bye													
8	@DEN	W 19-13 (OT)	21	27	331	77.8	82	2	0	142.4	2	-8	-4.0	0
9	@KC	W 33-22	24	34	360	70.6	60	2	2	100.1	2	-1	-0.5	0
10	MIN	W 34-0	33	46	351	71.7	37	3	0	115.4	1	1	1.0	0
11	CAR	W 31-17	22	30	218	73.3	47	3	0	126.8	3	-3	-1.0	0
12	@DET	W 37-26	31	41	381	75.6	43	3	0	128.2	2	-1	-0.5	0
13	@DAL	L 37-27	5	14	56	35.7	19	0	2	8.9	0	0	0.0	0
14	OAK	W 38-7	15	23	266	65.2	80	2	1	115.5	0	0	0.0	0
15	@STL	W 33-14	19	30	225	63.3	44	2	2	80.6	3	-3	-1.0	0
16	@CHI	L 35-7	17	32	153	53.1	20	0	2	40.2	3	0	0.0	0
17	DET	W 34-13	9	11	99	81.8	0	2	0	143.8	1	21	21.0	0

BRETT FAVRE STATS

PASSING

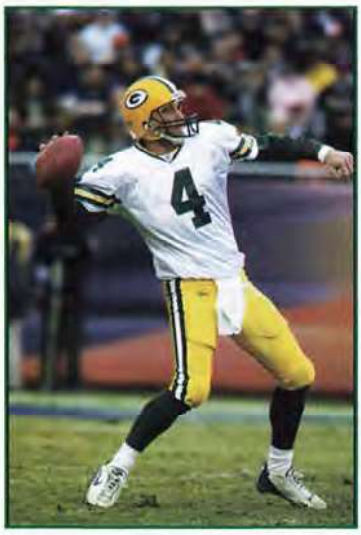
GLOSSARY: PROBOWL(*), ALL-PRO(+)

Year	Age	Tm	Pos	G	GS	Cmp	Att	Cmp%	Yds	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Lng	Y/A	AY/A	Y/C	Y/G	Rate	Sk	Yds	NY/A	ANY/A	Sk%
1991	22	ATL		2	0	0	4	0.0	0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	-22.5		0.0	0.0	1	11	-2.2	-20.2	20.0
1992*	23	GNB	QB	15	13	302	471	64.1	3227	18	3.8	13	2.8	76	6.9	6.0	10.7	215.1	85.3	34	208	6.0	5.2	6.7
1993*	24	GNB	QB	16	16	318	522	60.9	3303	19	3.6	24	4.6	66	6.3	4.6	10.4	206.4	72.2	30	199	5.6	4.0	5.4
1994	25	GNB	QB	16	16	363	582	62.4	3882	33	5.7	14	2.4	49	6.7	6.2	10.7	242.6	90.7	31	188	6.0	5.5	5.1
1995*+	26	GNB	QB	16	16	359	570	63.0	4413	38	6.7	13	2.3	99	7.7	7.4	12.3	275.8	99.5	33	217	7.0	6.6	5.5
1996*+	27	GNB	QB	16	16	325	543	59.9	3899	39	7.2	13	2.4	80	7.2	6.8	12.0	243.7	95.8	40	241	6.3	5.9	6.9
1997*+	28	GNB	QB	16	16	304	513	59.3	3867	35	6.8	16	3.1	74	7.5	6.8	12.7	241.7	92.6	25	176	6.9	6.2	4.6
1998	29	GNB	QB	16	16	347	551	63.0	4212	31	5.6	23	4.2	84	7.6	6.3	12.1	263.3	87.8	38	223	6.8	5.5	6.5
1999	30	GNB	QB	16	16	341	595	57.3	4091	22	3.7	23	3.9	74	6.9	5.5	12.0	255.7	74.7	35	223	6.1	4.8	5.6
2000	31	GNB	QB	16	16	338	580	58.3	3812	20	3.4	16	2.8	67	6.6	5.7	11.3	238.3	78.0	33	236	5.8	5.0	5.4
2001*+	32	GNB	QB	16	16	314	510	61.6	3921	32	6.3	15	2.9	67	7.7	7.0	12.5	245.1	94.1	22	151	7.1	6.4	4.1
2002*+	33	GNB	QB	16	16	341	551	61.9	3658	27	4.9	16	2.9	85	6.6	5.8	10.7	228.6	85.6	26	188	6.0	5.2	4.5
2003*+	34	GNB	QB	16	16	308	471	65.4	3361	32	6.8	21	4.5	66	7.1	5.8	10.9	210.1	90.4	19	137	6.6	5.3	3.9
2004	35	GNB	QB	16	16	346	540	64.1	4088	30	5.6	17	3.1	79	7.6	6.7	11.8	255.5	92.4	12	93	7.2	6.4	2.2
2005	36	GNB	QB	16	16	372	607	61.3	3881	20	3.3	29	4.8	59	6.4	4.6	10.4	242.6	70.9	24	170	5.9	4.1	3.8
2006	37	GNB	QB	16	16	343	613	56.0	3885	18	2.9	18	2.9	82	6.3	5.3	11.3	242.8	72.7	21	134	5.9	4.9	3.3
2007*	38	GNB	QB	16	16	356	535	66.5	4157	28	5.2	15	2.8		7.8	7.0	11.7	259.8	95.7	15	93	7.4	6.7	2.7
Career				257	237	5377	8758	61.4	61657	442	5.0	288	3.3	99	7.0	6.1	11.5	239.9	85.7	439	2888	6.4	5.5	4.8
16 yrs		GNB		255	237	5377	8754	61.4	61657	442	5.0	286	3.3	99	7.0	6.1	11.5	241.8	85.8	438	2877	6.4	5.5	4.8
1 yr		ATL		2	0	0	4	0.0	0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	-22.5		0.0	0.0	1	11	-2.2	-20.2	20.0

RUSHING & RECEIVING

GLOSSARY: PROBOWL(*), ALL-PRO(+)

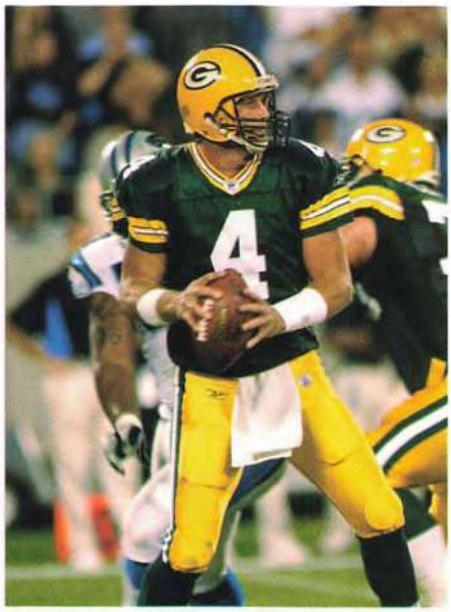
		Rushing											Receiving									
Year	Age	Tm	Pos	G	GS	Att	Yds	TD	Lng	Y/A	Y/G	A/G	Rec	Yds	Y/R	TD	Lng	R/G	Y/G	YScm	RRTD	Fmb
1992*	23	GNB	QB	15	13	47	198	1	19	4.2	13.2	3.1	1	-7	-7.0	0	-7	0.1	-0.5	191	1	12
1993*	24	GNB	QB	16	16	58	216	1	27	3.7	13.5	3.6								216	1	14
1994	25	GNB	QB	16	16	42	202	2	36	4.8	12.6	2.6								202	2	7
1995*+	26	GNB	QB	16	16	39	181	3	40	4.6	11.3	2.4								181	3	8
1996*+	27	GNB	QB	16	16	49	136	2	23	2.8	8.5	3.1								136	2	11
1997*+	28	GNB	QB	16	16	58	187	1	16	3.2	11.7	3.6								187	1	7
1998	29	GNB	QB	16	16	40	133	1	35	3.3	8.3	2.5								133	1	8
1999	30	GNB	QB	16	16	28	142	0	20	5.1	8.9	1.8								142	0	9
2000	31	GNB	QB	16	16	27	108	0	18	4.0	6.8	1.7								108	0	9
2001*+	32	GNB	QB	16	16	38	56	1	14	1.5	3.5	2.4								56	1	16
2002*+	33	GNB	QB	16	16	25	73	0	17	2.9	4.6	1.6								73	0	10
2003*+	34	GNB	QB	16	16	18	15	0	7	0.8	0.9	1.1								15	0	5
2004	35	GNB	QB	16	16	16	36	0	17	2.3	2.3	1.0								36	0	4
2005	36	GNB	QB	16	16	18	62	0	20	3.4	3.9	1.1								62	0	10
2006	37	GNB	QB	16	16	23	29	1	14	1.3	1.8	1.4								29	1	8
2007*	38	GNB	QB	16	16	29	12	0		0.4	0.8	1.8								12	0	9
Career		GNB	QB	257	237	555	1786	13	40	3.2	6.9	2.2	1	-7	-7.0	0	0	0	0	1779	13	147

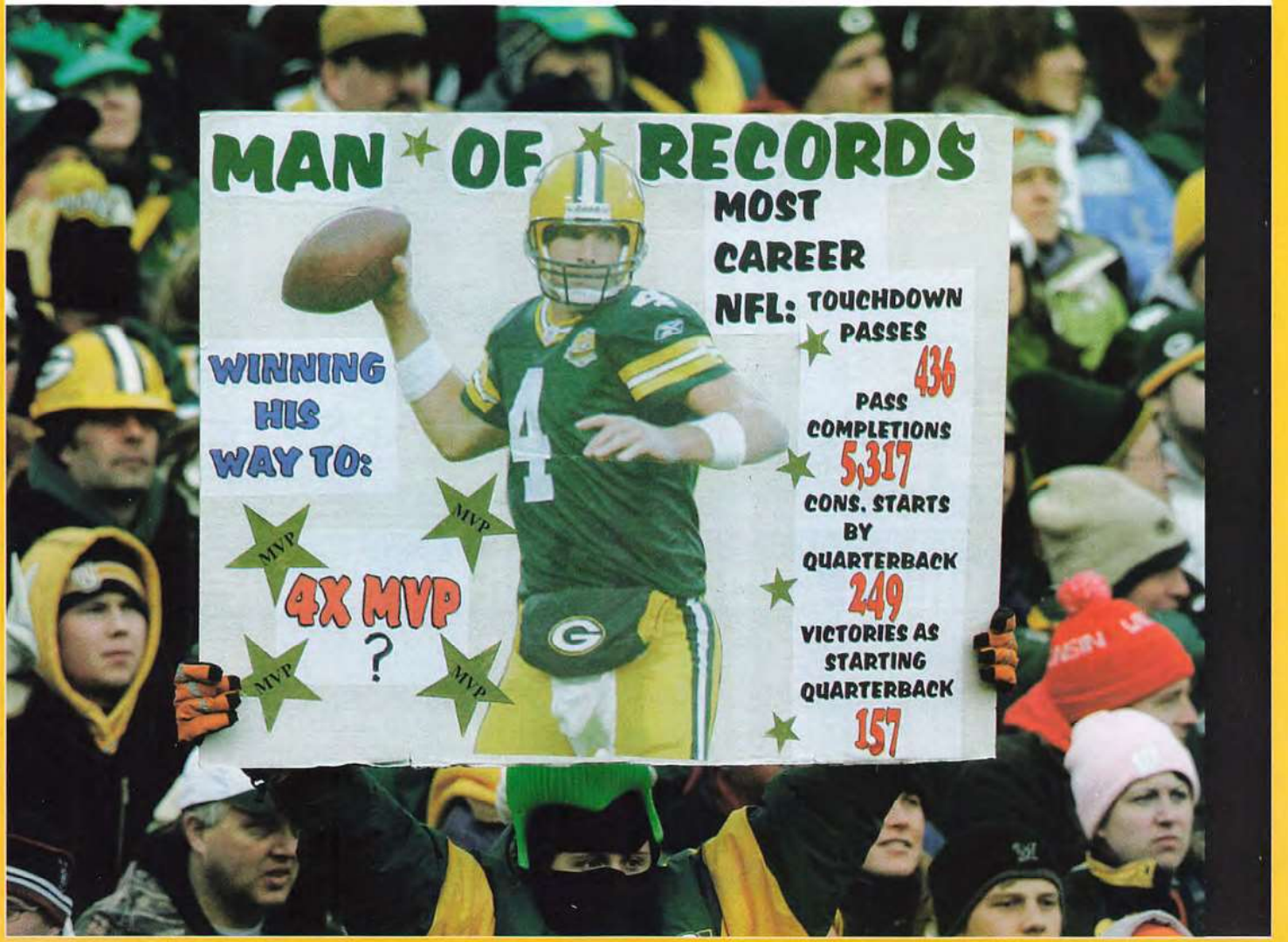


DEFENSE & FUMBLES

GLOSSARY: PROBOWL(*), ALL-PRO(+)

		Def Interceptions			Fumbles									
Year	Age	Tm	Pos	G	GS	Sk	Int	Yds	TD	Lng	Fmb	FR	Yds	TD	Sfty
1992*	23	GNB	QB	15	13						12	3	-12	0	
1993*	24	GNB	QB	16	16						14	2	-1	0	
1994	25	GNB	QB	16	16						7	1	-2	0	
1995*+	26	GNB	QB	16	16						8	0	0	0	
1996*+	27	GNB	QB	16	16						11	5	-10	0	
1997*+	28	GNB	QB	16	16						7	1	-10	0	
1998	29	GNB	QB	16	16						8	3	-1	0	
1999	30	GNB	QB	16	16						9	1	-2	0	
2000	31	GNB	QB	16	16						9	2	-12	0	
2001*+	32	GNB	QB	16	16						16	6	-38	0	
2002*+	33	GNB	QB	16	16						10	5	-14	0	
2003*+	34	GNB	QB	16	16						5	0	0	0	
2004	35	GNB	QB	16	16						4	1	-8	0	
2005	36	GNB	QB	16	16						10	2	-1	0	
2006	37	GNB	QB	16	16						8	2	-3	0	
2007*	38	GNB	QB	16	16						9	0	0	0	
Career		GNB	QB	257	237						147	34	-114	0	





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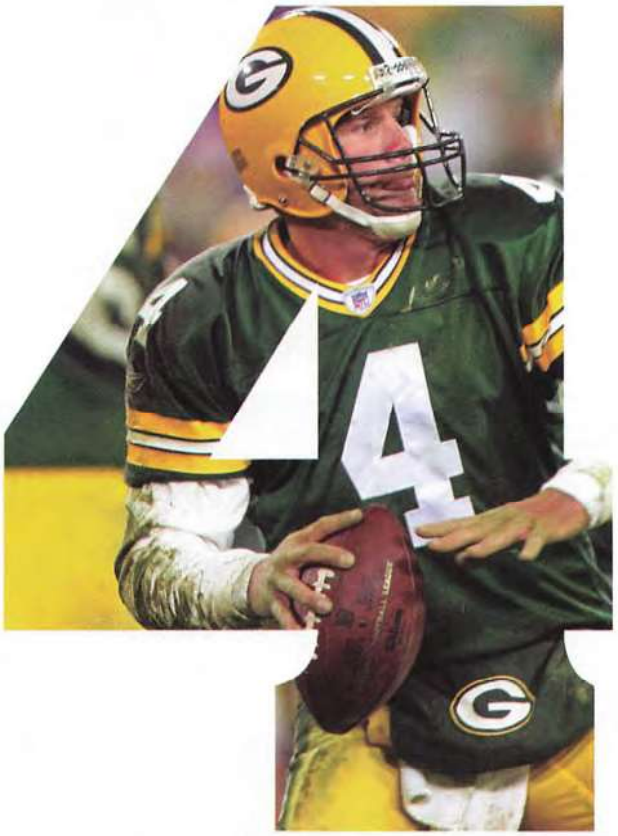

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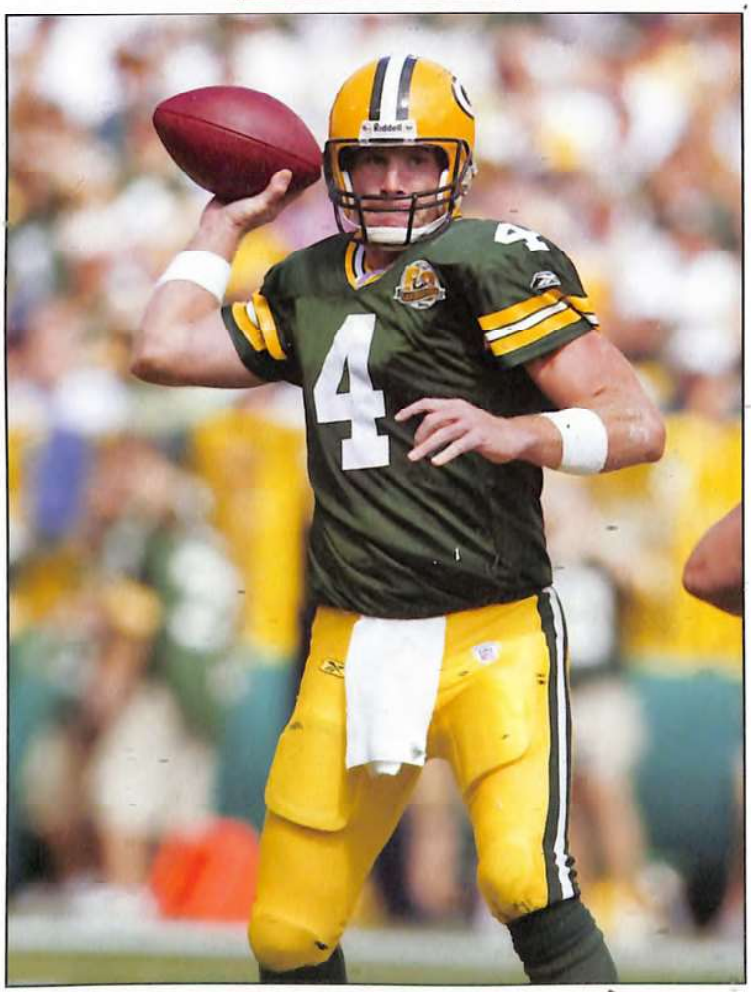

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